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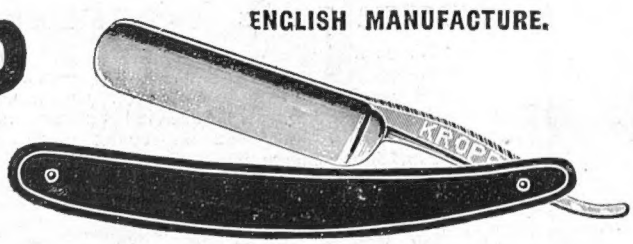

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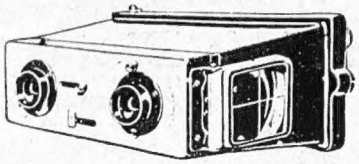

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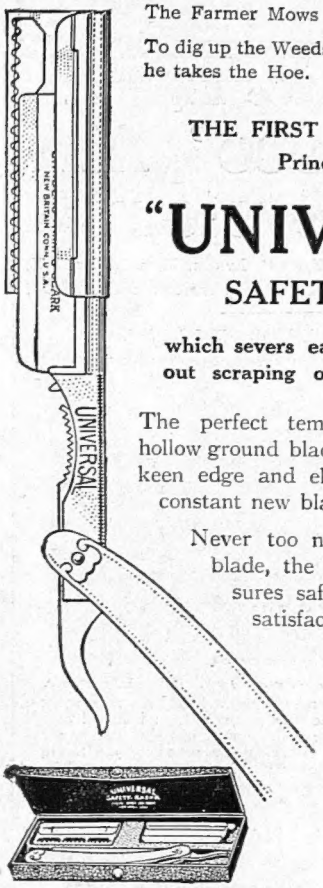

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Whose subtly diabolical idea was it to hold the Peace Conference in London? Austria's probably. The Dual-Monarchy, wanting the Conference over quickly and the war started again, thought it an admirable notion to select a city in which no delegate with any regard to his health would wish to remain a moment longer than was necessary. The Bystander's belief is that the Conference will meet, exchange a few catarrhal compliments, and after a conversation conducted mainly in sneezes, disperse and take itself back to the Balkans, home, and bed.

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The Need for Time-Tables

Even suppose the delegates to have quininized themselves against our December climate—which is more noisome this year than I have ever known it—I doubt whether anything short of a miracle from on high can reconcile their divergent views as to *meum* and *tuum*. Turkey may have been willing enough to promise anything before the lines of Chataldja, but once get your Ottoman before a green baize table and he becomes wondrously transformed. His eye for details of latitude and longitude, and for the depth of ditches and the height of hedges, becomes sharpened, and—bless you! there you are. If the Balkan envoys are wise, they will keep side by side with their maps railway time-tables. Or, perhaps this issue of THE BYSTANDER will do if it states that the Continental boat trains leave London (for Dover) daily at 9.0, 11.0 a.m. and 2.20 and 9.0 p.m. respectively.

THE RT. HON. HENRY CHAPLIN, M.P.

Who, for the second time within the year, we regret to say, has met with a serious accident while hunting with the Pytchley Hounds. "The Bystander" wishes this veteran Unionist a good recovery and a speedy return to the House of Commons, where his absence will be much felt in debate

(BY HAROLD SMITH)

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The Felon Blow

My reason for pessimism as to the outcome of the negotiations is that Certain High and Mighty Personages do not want peace. They desire Turkey to attempt to retrieve her honour, and to keep the Bulgars fighting while they, in their might, deal the felon blow to the luckless Serb. The eyes of all freedom-loving Englishmen should be kept on the gentlemen from Vienna. I say no more.

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"You're Not Well, Bridgeman!"

Mr. Churchill's discovery that Sir Francis Bridgeman was, unknown to the Admiral himself, so unwell that he was unfit for his duties at the Admiralty, cannot be acceptable to his colleague of the Treasury. Mr. George knows there are enough doctors about, without the need of one in the Cabinet. It is a little disconcerting, too, to officers in the Navy to learn that, at any moment, any of them may be detected, by the eagle eye of the First Lord, to be out of sorts and in need of a change. It is rumoured that the precise offence of which Sir Francis was guilty was that he did not agree with the First Lord as to the adequacy of the increases in naval pay, Sir Francis knowing better than the First Lord, probably, how deep has been the discontent in the service with present conditions.

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The Right to Drink

As to the Railway Strike, the only reasonable assumption is that the Trades Unions have traitors in their midst, men who desire to bring the working-class movement to an end by impaling it on the spikes of public antipathy. A more egregious cause for which to strike than the right of a railway servant, in charge of public safety, to get drunk one cannot imagine.

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The Russian Succession

The version now given to the world of the actual facts as to the "illness" of the Tsarevitch has a terrible plausibility about it, and any doubt is unhappily set at rest by the news of the appointment of heirs-presumptive. The only result of the dastardly outrage is that the Romanoff who may to a Romanoff succeed is named Dmitri Pavlovitch instead of Alexis-Nicholaievitch.

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"May It Please Your Majesty"

Is it true that His Majesty's Ministers have recently discovered, in one or two ways, that His Majesty has developed quite a scrupulous taste in etiquette? Appointments to high positions in the service abroad will, in future, have to receive the Royal consent before being made known to recipients, and when documents are sent for his signature, the King will sign them at his own convenience, regardless of the fact that a messenger waits without.

Murder and the Public Interest

Among the many changes that have taken place in the national psychology, one of them is—to judge by my daily newspaper—a complete disappearance of interest in murder. Such a horrible affair as the doing to death of the girl scout at Woking is chronicled and—dropped. To this day we are none the wiser as to the similar mystery of Yarmouth Beach, of which little enough has been published since within a week of its occurrence. I suppose it is a convincing proof of the new "healthiness" of the public mind that it is no longer interested in the bringing to justice of the homicide. Or is it merely another proof of the hopeless incapacity of the newspaper Press to understand what really *does* interest the public? That it burned its fingers badly over its assistance of the police in the capture of Crippen seems no reason why it should now stand so completely aside from its duty to raise the hue and cry. Who knows how many miscreants are not encouraged to plan new outrages by the license to escape which is granted them by Fleet Street?

Little Girl *(after a furtive and agonised inspection of her mother's callers)*: "Oh-h! Mummy! What are they?!!"

BY E. T. REED

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Hush!

Somebody has mentioned the Dublin Crown jewels again. What are we coming to that we should have the bad taste to allude to such a subject? Has it not been officially decreed that the thief, whoever he is, is to go scot free for fear lest, when tried, his examination might bring to light things better left in darkness?

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Wonderful!

"A good many people," *Vanity Fair* informs us, "are spending Christmas in London for one reason or another." That a good many people should spend Christmas at all, anywhere, is surprising enough, but that they should spend it in the city in which, presumably, they live, is indeed significant. Meanwhile, my daily picture contemporaries startle us with snapshots of ladies and gentlemen — some possessed of minor titles—actually walking up and down the streets of the capital city of the Empire, and the suspicion is shrewdly hinted at that their object in so doing is shopping! That Lady This or Sir Thomas That could possibly be out on her or his two feet without some specific interesting and topical object is unthinkable. The "Society" fetish, like Charles II., takes an unconscionably long time dying.

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Where East is West

The Arabian Nights Ball coincided, more or less, with the arrival of the Balkan and Turkish Peace Delegates in London. Was it a subtle hint to remind us that Turkeys may come and Haroun al Raschids may go but the glamour of the East goes on for ever? Or was it an omen? Really, I think that more likely. Otherwise, why the farandole? For a lot of persons in Oriental dress to dance an old Provençal dance, famous in the French Revolution, would seem absurd were it not so obviously symbolical! The East gives way to Western tradition! The harem having given us a skirt, accepts one of the best known of European dances, and all that a dance implies as regards customs and manners, in exchange! However that may be, the whole Ball was a very pretty sight, and much more lively than the affair at the Albert Hall.

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Our Free Press

The Bystander is receiving a great many letters on the subject of flogging under the new White Slave Traffic Act, of which as typical a selection is printed as space permits. Quite casually, of course, and with nothing but innocence in my heart, I should like to know if all the rest of the Press is as fair to its correspondents as The Bystander. Is it true, for instance—

(1) That many of the prominent ladies on the "Pass the Bill" Committee have written to the papers protesting that, had they known that flogging was contemplated, they would never have attempted to promote the Bill at all?

(2) That the papers have, mostly, refrained from publishing their letters?

Of course, even if it is true, this kind of thing has little interest. We are all much too much accustomed to more or less similar procedure nowadays. It is part and parcel of the glories of a Free Press.

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NOW ON SALE AT ALL BOOKSTALLS.

An Eastern Welcome to Our Eastern Guests!

LADY GARVAGH AS A SNAKE CHARMER

SOME EGYPTIAN LADIES AT THE ARABIAN NIGHTS BALL

Left to right: Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Platt, Mrs. Reginald Turner, and Miss Rennie Turner

MRS. SABA RALEIGH IN EASTERN DRESS

THE COUNTESS OF ROSSLYN

ARRIVAL OF THE PEACE ENVOYS LAST THURSDAY: M. VENIZELOS, THE GREEK MINISTER, IN FOREGROUND

THE BARONESS DE MEYER

MR. H. H. BENCE TRAWER

Who went to the Arabian Nights Ball as an Indian Prince

WELCOME, MOST EXCELLENT DELEGATES!

BUT WHY, OH! WHY, DIDN'T YOU COME IN TIME TO TAKE PART IN THE EASTERN FANCY DRESS BALL, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT COVENT GARDEN ON THE NIGHT OF YOUR ARRIVAL IN LONDON?

MISS MINNIE LESLIE

Who appeared at Covent Garden last Thursday as an Egyptian Princess

London "Pulls the Strings"

(WITH ACKNOWLEDGMENTS TO W. K. HASELDEN)

The British Capital draws the Balkan delegates into St. James's Palace, but how long the strings will remain unbroken "The Bystander" dares not prophesy

BY E. T. REED

The Bystander in Society

A Solemn Wedding

QUITE the most interesting of recent weddings was that which was solemnised at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, the other day, and as far as colour and circumstantial detail were concerned it was as regal as a wedding not absolutely Royal could be. The bride, Miss Iris FitzGeorge, now Mrs. Robert Balfour, had chosen eight girls and two pages to form her bridal *cortège*, her sister, Miss Daphne FitzGeorge, being, of course, chief bridesmaid.

Royal Heirlooms

Royal heirlooms played a by no means unimportant rôle in the bride's wedding garb, for her veil of old Duchesse lace had belonged to, and been worn by, the late Duchess of Gloucester, as was also the diamond pendant, which was Mrs. Balfour's only jewel on her wedding day. Her wedding gown, likewise, was a truly regal garment, composed of silver brocade on white satin, with a full Court train of white chiffon *velours*, bordered and lined with ermine! A certain amount of state is quite compatible at the nuptials of a direct descendant of Kings, for it must be remembered that the bride and her sister, being grandchildren of the late Duke of Cambridge, are great-great-granddaughters of George III., father of the Duchess of Gloucester, from whom were handed down the veil and pendant already referred to, as well as a beautiful gold "leaf" tiara, studded with diamonds, and a diamond and opal bracelet, which Sir Augustus FitzGeorge has given his niece as a wedding present.

UNDER HER GRACE'S PERSONAL PATRONAGE

An exhibition of work done by members of the Duchess of Sutherland's Cripples' Guild of Handicrafts was opened at 13a, New Bond Street, on December 9. Among those ladies who took part in the opening ceremony were the Duchess of Sutherland, Countess Torby, Mrs. Ralph Pett, and Lady Rosemary Leveson-Gower, who are seen in the above photograph

A Charitable Duchess and—

The Duchess of Sutherland has doubtless become so accustomed to having all her social and charitable functions an unalloyed success, that it did not occur to her when settling the date of her "At Home" in aid of her Cripples' Guild of Arts and Handicrafts, that possibly the show of dolls might act as a deterrent influence; but to a certain extent it did do so, for it is an indubitable fact that the Duchess's "At Home Sale" was not nearly so largely attended as in previous years. There is no doubt that there is for all classes a greater attraction to those affairs that appeal to a sense, as opposed to those that appeal for the cents, especially in these days, when our Parliamentary masters stand ready to snatch every penny of surplus capital to swell the coffers of the State!

—Her Six Months' Work

The Duchess of Sutherland was supplemented in her labours by many willing helpers, but was herself looking just a little weary—a fact soon accounted for by her, for she says that the work of getting ready to leave Stafford House is one which will cover six months. During that period her medical advisers forbid her undertaking any other labours, or her health will suffer the penalty. The task she has before her is by no means light, as all the works of art, treasures of every description, and all that went to the beautifying of that palace are to be removed, and must of necessity be carefully assorted, a work in which the Duchess must give, in every case, the casting vote, and only in those instances where she and her husband unanimously say "thumbs down" will the articles fall under the hammer. There is certainly no question, as was rumoured, of the collection of art treasures, heirlooms, etc., at Stafford House being offered to the public!

The China That Was

Though he has been in Japan for the past dozen years, the name of Sir Claude Maxwell Macdonald, who, with Lady Macdonald, has just arrived in London from Tokio, is still, to the majority of English minds,

Back In His Own Country

COLONEL SIR CLAUDE MACDONALD
Who has returned to England after a twelve years' sojourn in Japan. He became British Minister at Tokio in 1900, and later became first British Ambassador to Japan, when the Ministry was raised to the dignity of an Embassy. Sir Claude was British Minister at Peking during the "Boxer" rising of 1900

most closely associated with China and the "Boxer" troubles of 1900. For he was the British Minister at Peking and in command of the Legation quarter during the two-months' siege of the Legations—that terrible time of stress and anxiety, when the publication in a London newspaper of detailed but fortunately quite imaginary accounts of the wholesale massacre of the foreigners in the Chinese city, sent a thrill of horror through the civilised world. Such general credence did the story win as to induce even the infallible *Times* to publish an obituary of its famous correspondent, Dr. Morrison, now, by the irony of fate, adviser to the new *régime* in China, the rapid upward growth of which dates from the very period when his death was falsely reported.

A New Ambassador

After the "Boxer" riots Sir Claude was transferred to Tokio, and became British Minister at the Japanese Court, losing no less than £1,000 a year by the change, for the salary of his new post was £4,000 as against £5,000. Important developments, however, in our relations with Japan followed close upon his appointment. In 1902 the first Anglo-Japanese Treaty was concluded, and a few years afterwards the Ministry at Tokio was raised to the dignity of an Embassy, Sir Claude thus becoming the first British Ambassador to Japan, where he has the reputation of being very popular with Orientals. Macdonald is a famous soldiering name, and before entering upon his diplomatic career Sir Claude Macdonald, who is only just sixty, had placed much distinguished military service to his credit, going through the Egyptian campaign of 1882 and the Suakim expedition of 1884 with Highland regiments. He afterwards held important Consular appointments in East Africa.

Lady Macdonald

Lady Macdonald also comes of military stock, being the daughter of the late Major W. Cairns Armstrong, of the 15th Regiment. Their marriage took place some twenty years ago, Lady Macdonald being then the widow of Mr. Craigie Robertson, of the Indian Political Service. She is a member of the Order of the Royal Red Cross, conferred for acts of mercy in time of war, some of whose most exalted members have lately been so prominent in the Balkan campaign.

Semi-Nude Portraiture

Fashions in portraiture change day by day, and so also does the vogue for this artist or the next. Some years ago, for a girl to be photographed *en demi nude* would have stamped her as being near akin to—well, the half world, if not the stage. Nowadays we have—to a great extent, at least—ceased to be at all prudish in this respect. With all its vagaries, however, Society has never before taken to posing as the leading figure in the sacred paintings of the old masters; it has been left to the daughter of a well-known Society novelist to set this fashion—how many will follow it remains to be seen. The latest photograph of this Society girl, scarcely more than emerged from the schoolroom, and certainly not yet from her teens, represents her in the guise of a "Madonna Annunciata," halo and all! And as such is to be seen on a noted West-End photographer's show table! Can "Higher Thought" go further?

A Prolific Playwright

MISS GLADYS UNGER

Whose new play is to follow that phenomenal success, "The Glad Eye," at the Strand, in January. Miss Unger is a clever and prolific writer, and besides being the sole author of some good plays, has adapted several from the French. Among these latter are "Love Watches," "Decorating Clementine," "Inconstant George," and "The Marionettes," while that Lyric musical success of last year, "Night-Birds" (founded on "Die Fledermaus"), was also from her pen

Photograph *Walter Barnett*

THE BYSTANDER IN SOCIETY (*concluded*)

Taxis and Their Victims

Taxi cabs are responsible for many things nowadays. For instance, Mrs. Woods, well known in social circles, having just two days previous to the Pantomime Ball been the victim of a "taxi smash," and being determined, despite this, to attend the ball, was obliged to don Turkish garb and a yashmak in order to hide the scratches on her face. In the second case, Lord Arthur Hay, on his way to the ball, was injured under similar circumstances, and taken for the nonce into St. George's Hospital, and subsequently to his home in Westbourne Street, where he is now in charge of a trained nurse, suffering from shock, as well as having injured his hand.

The Advantage of Misfortune

In consequence of this he was also unable to be present at the marriage of his brother, Lord Tweeddale, who was married so quietly at St. Barnabas Church, Pimlico, that many friends did not even know where the wedding would take place. It is scarcely a year since the death of his father, so it was not to be expected that Lord Tweeddale would have the regulation festivities on his wedding day. Indeed, these constitute an ordeal that many a bridegroom would be glad to avoid, if he could only find an excuse.

By Field, Stream & Covert

No Scent in the Shires

I HAVE been comparing notes with hunting people in various countries, and the result is decidedly curious. I find that some are delighted with the season so far; others vow that they have never seen a worse scenting time. Perhaps the loudest and deepest growls come from the Shires, that favoured region which is sometimes called the fox-hunters' paradise. The Pytchley men are very disappointed. Everything promised well for a tip-top season, yet scent has been so bad that hounds literally cannot run a yard. After the meet at Crick early in the present month this pack partially broke their spell of bad luck. The Pytchley had a moderate time last season, and their lack of sport is the more remarkable when we recall the great things they were doing two or three seasons back. The Grafton had, perhaps, one of the best scenting cubhunting seasons in their history, yet since the opening meet scent has been exceedingly disappointing. Once or twice hounds have slipped along in good style, but on the whole the season has been very disappointing so far with this pack. Followers of Mr. Fernie's, the Quorn, and the Belvoir are all complaining of the hopeless lack of scent. On the other hand, I learn that both the Bicester and the Cottesmore have nothing to grumble about.

Impending Changes

This is the time of the year when we begin to hear of impending changes of Masterships. If the M.F.H. intends to retire at the end of the season he is expected formally to hand in his resignation early in the New Year, but wherever possible Hunt Committees prefer to have earlier warning in order that they may be given a better chance of suitably filling the gaps. Already two important resignations have been announced, one in the Atherstone country, where Lord Huntingdon has definitely decided to retire, and the other in the Woodland Pytchley, where Mr. E. A. V. Stanley's resignation has been received. No country likes to lose a good Master, for men with the necessary qualifications for that difficult position are not easy to find. Thus Mr. Stanley's impending retirement will be much regretted by those who have enjoyed the excellent sport he has shown in this offshoot of the Pytchley country. It will be remembered that Mr. Stanley was formerly Master of the Devon and Somerset pack. No Master could be keener, and I shall be surprised if we do not find him in the command of another important country before long.

POLITENESS CARRIED TO EXTREMES

The Man (to lady who has had a bad spill): "Haw, how d'you do?"

(By Alfred Leete)

The Merry Beaglers

Lucky are those who are, or were in the past, associated with the Trinity Foot Beagles in having secured an admirable compiler of an informal record of Cambridge sport and sportsmen during the past fifty years. The Rev. F. C. Kempson has edited and arranged the details irreproachably, and the whole makes a handsome volume—*The Trinity Foot Beagles* (Edward Arnold: 10*s.* 6*d.* net)—which appeals not only to Old Cantabs, but to hunting people generally. It is a delightfully buoyant narrative of the history of the University pack, plentifully spiced by real good jokes and anecdotes, and further enlivened by some comic drawings reproduced from the "T.F.B. Club Book." I commend to your notice some rich stories of the undergraduate days of "Mother" Hunt, better known nowadays as Mr. Rowland Hunt, M.P.

A. W. C.

Meets in Streets

OLD-WORLD HUNTING SCENES IN HITCHIN AND LONG BUCKBY

Photograph] HERTFORDSHIRE HOUNDS AT HITCHIN [*Dixon*

The scene shows the interest aroused by a meet of hounds in a country town, all classes turning out to see the picturesque muster. This pack is under the Mastership of the Earl of Cavan this season

Photograph] PYTCHLEY HOUNDS AT LONG BUCKBY [*Central News*

This historic pack has not been well favoured by scent so far this season, though it had an excellent day on the 4th inst. Lord Annaly is the Master

Flogging—For and Against

MORE REPLIES TO "DOWNWRITER": AND "DOWNWRITER'S" DEFENCE

"Protect Society, But ——"

To the Editor of THE BYSTANDER.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Desmond Young, loses my sympathy by prating about sympathies which have little to do with the subject and are not opposed. In what way are the humanitarians wanting in sympathy with the victims of the White Slave Traffic? What movement for the benefit of these victims has been refused their support while warmly taken up by the pro-floggers? The only proof of our want of sympathy with the victims is that we do not desire to flog the offenders. If we sympathised with the victims, it is said, we would take the most effective means of stopping the traffic; but the most effective means of stopping the traffic is to flog the traffickers, and as we object to that we do not sympathise with the victims.

The whole question at issue is here begged. We deny that flogging is the best or the only method of stopping the traffic, and if it were so Mr. Young would have an unanswerable case, which he only weakens by writing rubbish about sympathies. As to whatever "Downwriter" may have said, humanitarians generally are quite as strongly opposed to flogging in the Army, the Navy, or the Civil Service as in prisons, and as to his statement that "flogging killed garrotting" we not merely deny it, but have repeatedly disproved it. The "High Rips of Liverpool" stand on a somewhat different footing. I never could ascertain the facts about them. Can Mr. Young tell me when they flourished, how many of them were tried at Liverpool Assizes, and what were the sentences passed on each? I have hitherto failed to discover this. I presume there were some hooligans known by that designation, and that they subsequently disappeared, but whether any of them were flogged, and when, by whom, and for what offence I have failed to discover.

Looking at the question from a commonsense point of view, our object should be to protect society against these traffickers, and to do so in the manner which will cause the least amount of inconvenience, pain, and suffering to everybody that is consistent with the efficacy of the protection. If flogging fulfils these conditions, let us adopt it without talking nonsense about sympathies and expending our breath in vituperation. If not, let us do without flogging, whatever else we try.—Truly yours, M.A., DUBLIN

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Murderers, and Worse!

To the Editor of THE BYSTANDER.

SIR,—I want to say "Thank you!" to Mr. Desmond Young for his splendid reply to "Downwriter." I entirely agree with him that the people engaged in this traffic are practically murderers, and worse, but the nation that holds sacred the life of the gibbering homicidal-maniac and spends thousands yearly on the upkeep of Broadmoor, would doubtless raise an outcry at the suggestion that the only commonsense way of dealing with these fiends is to hang them. That would settle them once for all, and would not "degrade" the rest of us any more than the executions of other murderers already do. Mr. Young suggests that a man convicted of this offence for the third time should be branded on the face. But why only at the third time? Why should three young women be completely destroyed before one man's good looks may be marred? Is the skin of his precious face of greater value than the souls and bodies of three women, three potential mothers? And, moreover, it is unlikely he would be convicted for every offence. Probably he would have destroyed dozens of girls before being caught three times. To my mind one proven offence should be sufficient. I would allow no second girl to be ruined by the same criminal. If we may not hang these creatures for whom hell is too good, then let them all—men and women alike—be branded on both cheeks with the letter P, and thus be put out of mischief once and for all!

Mr. W. L. George has written elsewhere of "women's blood-lust and savagery" in demanding whipping for procurers. To our credit be it then! Can any decent woman contemplate the kidnapping of unwilling victims for the white slave trade *without* seeing red, *without* becoming savage? The recent case of two young girls of good family who were taken literally from their mother's side whilst shopping in Knightsbridge has brought the matter too closely home to everyone. We realise that no man's daughter is safe till the law is amended; and let us, therefore, hope that every mother and father in the land will raise their voices to help pass the Bill through Parliament.

MAUD CHURTON BRABY

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A Public Schoolmaster's View

To the Editor of THE BYSTANDER.

SIR,—I have an open mind on the question of flogging, so far as its general efficacy is concerned. I agree, however, with "Downwriter" in so far as concerns the danger of instituting the punishment in a class of offence where guilt may be so easily open to doubt. Where the highway robber with violence is in question doubt is little likely to arise; where it is the procurer, there may easily be doubt, as was shown by the Beck case. The motives which induce a man to make the acquaintance of a woman, by the use of strategy, may be only too easily contorted, and the mere romanticist or adventurer may find his actions given, by stupid accusers, an interpretation out of all relation to the truth. One does not like to think of the infliction of wrongful *degradation*.

Mr. Salt, too, is quite right about the indecency of this particular method of punishment. It is a well-known fact that there is a vicious aspect both to its infliction and to its endurance. Of this there is no need to remind anybody who, like myself, is able to sign himself PUBLIC SCHOOLMASTER

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Servia at her Window

FROM WHICH WE HOPE DOUBLE-HEADED EAGLES WILL BE FRIGHTENED AWAY

The Servians are in possession of Durazzo, and from the photographs just received it will be seen they are welcomed by the inhabitants. It is feared by those in the country that Servia, as a nation, will require considerable pressure to induce her to abandon the possession of this important port, for which they have so fearlessly fought

SERVIA'S "WINDOW" THROUGH A WINDOW

A general view of Durazzo, on the Adriatic, the possession of which port is essential to the development and prosperity of Servia

HOMAGE TO THE VICTORS

An Albanian fixing a Servian flag outside his shop as an indication of submission

COMMERCE UNDER MILITARY ORDERS

Albanians unloading merchandise under a Servian guard on the quay at Durazzo

SERVIAN TROOPS ENTERING DURAZZO ON DECEMBER 2nd

(Continued from page 640)

"DOWNWRITER'S" REPLY

To the Editor of THE BYSTANDER.

SIR,—I would fain content myself with saying on a picture-postcard, "What I have said I have said," but if it will oblige you and your correspondents very much that I should answer them, I am happy indeed to do it, though the conditions in which I write down here are conducive not at all to controversy.

I do *not* oppose flogging, provided it is part and parcel of a system which has as its object the training and the development of the individual. I do oppose it as a weapon in the hands of a civilised State to be applied to adults, no matter what the precise class of offence of which they are convicted.

My reason for this opposition is as I have said:—The established punishment of the law, for other than capital offences, is deprivation of liberty, and I am not convinced that to single out one class of offence, and to punish it by the infliction of a precise kind of physical torture, is in the best interests of the community, especially in cases in the detection of which there is likely to be a grave danger of error. Believing the West London police to be capable (as is suggested by "X.Y.Z.") of egregious blundering and of unscrupulous bullying, I would not, by putting in their hands the Birch of Damocles, entrust them with the power to exercise greater tyranny.

I do not question the existence of the evil, nor do I attempt to represent it as anything but a terrible one. My belief is that those who are noisiest in their clamour for the introduction of the new remedy are the most ignorant of the nature of the ailment. They see a universal plague where the probability is that it is only a local one.

To represent that there is any large number of men deliberately engaged in luring women to the paths of vice is a libel on the whole masculine sex, which I, as a man, angrily resent. The extent of the masculine *capacity* to commit this crime is ignorantly exaggerated.

The advantages, alas! to the average working girl of the oldest profession in the world over the ordinary "respectable" ways of wage-earning do not need the diabolical subtlety of masculine persuasion. They are obvious economic facts. The remedy, as "A Suffragette" suggests, is Better Wages for the Woman Worker, and whatever other measures may be decided upon for the emancipation of Woman.

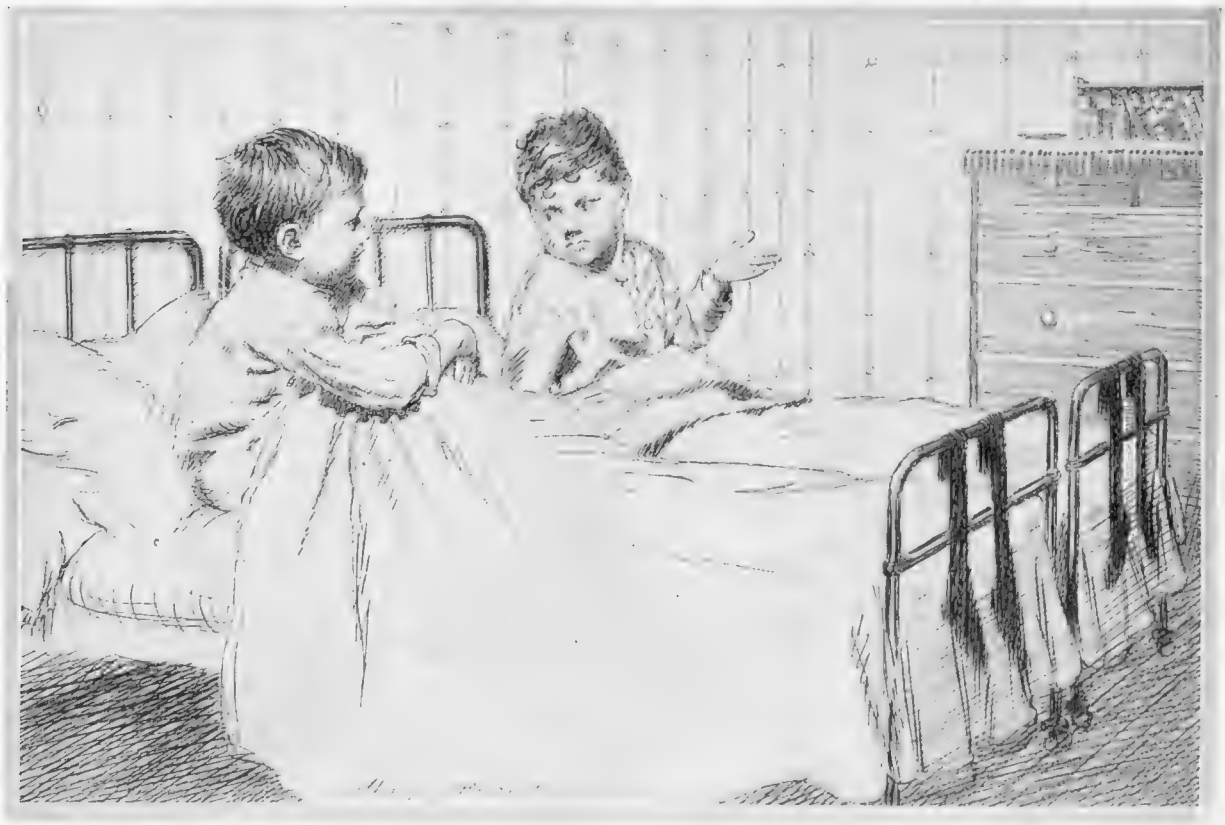
When I am told that I am a humanitarian, I bow and say, "I am." When I am called a sentimentalist, I smile and say, "Quite so!" And the longer I live, the more I am likely to become of both.

I believe human nature to be good rather than bad, and to be growing better rather than worse, and all the Members in Parliament, all the Bishops in the pulpit, and all the ink-slingers at their desks will not make me believe in either the universal bane they have so suddenly discovered or in the miserable antidote they so suddenly prescribe.

There is evil in the world, and to extirpate it, oh, ye blind bigots, you have to get to the roots of human nature. Society can best uplift itself by attempting to uplift the individuals who compose it. And the Birch is not the implement with which to make a beginning.—Yours faithfully,

DOWNWRITER.

Cannes, December 10, 1912.

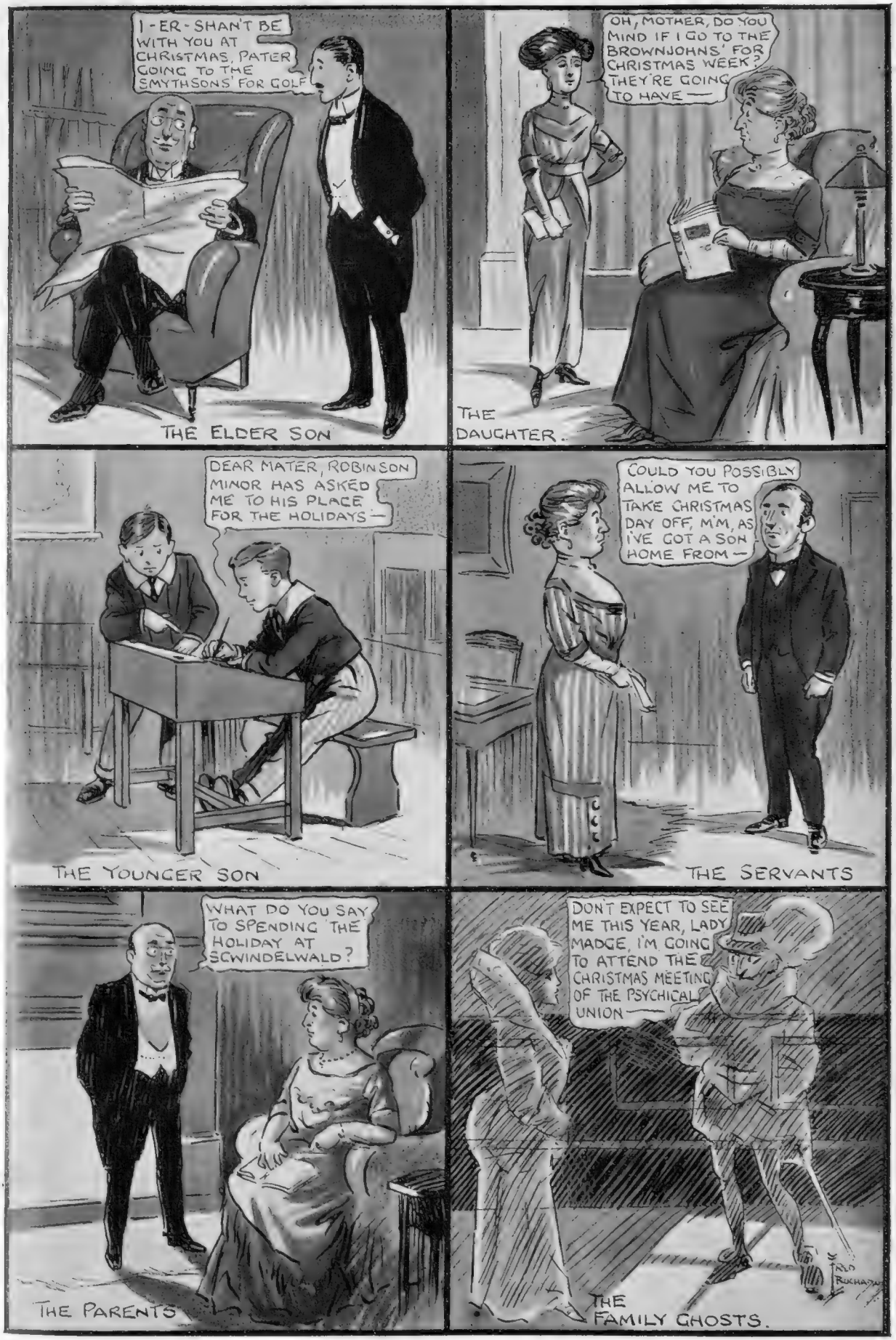


CHRISTMAS EVE STRATEGISTS

First Little Boy: "We've put the chest of drawers in front of the fireplace?"
Second Little Boy: "Yes"
First Little Boy: "You tied the string to the handle of the door?"
Second Little Boy: "Yes, and I tied the other end of the string to the water-jug"
First Little Boy: "Then we ought to find out the real facts about Santa Claus"

BY CHAS. PEARS

Anywhere But—Home, Sweet Home



Owing to the craze for spending this season anywhere but at home, the "good old-fashioned Christmas" will soon exist only in the handbooks on mythology, and our artist has faithfully portrayed some of the reasons therefor. Each year the leading hotels and restaurants offer greater Christmas attractions, and vie with each other in elaborate festivities, while there is an ever-increasing exodus to the Continent and warmer climes

BY FRED BUCHANAN

THE LOOK OF THINGS

FROM A BYSTANDER'S POINT OF VIEW

IT is pleasant to know that the War Office may arm the National Reserve with real rifles. We English hate anything that savours of ostentation, but, after all, to have these soldiers armed only with walking-sticks is to carry a prejudice too far.

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Anti-militarists seem to think the arming of this veteran force is a provocation to Germany. It is up to them, in that case, to devise some sort of umbrella-cover for the rifles.

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There is one consolation for the fact that the rumour that several Dreadnoughts were to be offered to the Admiralty by the leading Princes of India turns out to be nothing but a rumour. The consoling thought is that there has not even been a rumour that the principal chiefs of German East Africa think of offering Dreadnoughts to the German Admiralty.

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German naval enthusiasts are, indeed, rather to be sympathised with at this moment over these sort of matters. Alsace-Lorraine, Hanover, Schleswig-Holstein, Heligoland—none of these places, in spite of the fact that they share in all the glories of the German Empire, has come forward with an offer of Dreadnoughts as a counterblast to the Canadian proposal.

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Apropos, the position of the Canadian Liberal Party in the matter of this contribution should not be misunderstood. As our Canadian correspondent points out, they would gladly bear the burden of Empire, if they did not bar the Borden.

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Why did the Allies and Turks agree in selecting London as the place for their Peace Conference? This question has not so far been satisfactorily answered, but one may, perhaps, suppose that the negotiators, worn out by scenes of carnage and upheaval, thought it would be nice to spend a few days in a quiet spot, where the very wildest and earth-quaking business would consist of Mr. McKenna advocating the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales.

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The British Government is to offer them hospitality while in London. It is to be hoped that it will be true hospitality, and that Mr. Lloyd George will not insist on the Turkish representatives licking a stamp on to a card every time they have a meal.

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Bulgarian diplomatists, by the way, threaten to be as strenuous people as Bulgarian Generals. Their motto, at any rate, seems to be the same—"Plenty of Elbow-Greece!"

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According to the *Neueste Nachrichten*, the Chief of Railway Transport on the German General Staff "has been working out mobilisation routes in a room the door of which is guarded by sentries with loaded rifles." Surely the assumption that an important official like the Chief of Railway Transport would—unless menaced in this way—steal out of his room while he ought to be working, is a little undignified?

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"Moritz, the clever chimpanzee which died at Brighton a few days ago, could," says the *Daily Mail*, "write, play two bars of the National Anthem on the piano, and work a typewriter." Yet, curiously enough, Moritz was not on the staff of any of our halfpenny newspapers.

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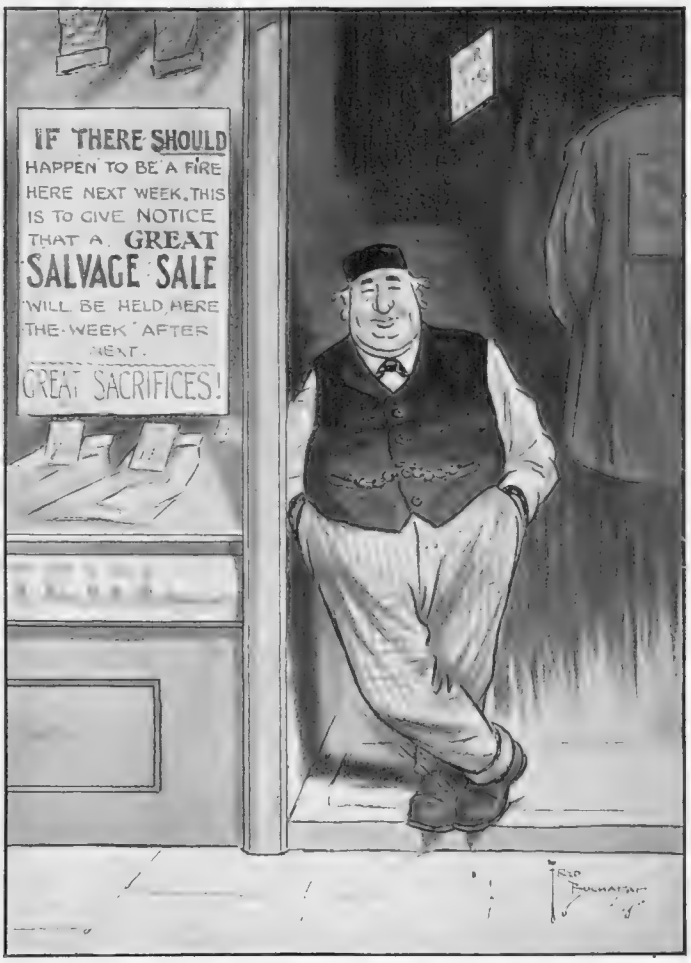
Once more we have to call the attention of less fortunate foreigners to the speed and impartiality with which British justice works. After two juries had failed to agree in a matter involving the legality of a whist-drive, the case was dropped last week, and the magistrate promised the defendant he should not be tried again.



INTELLIGENT ANTICIPATION

By Fred Buchanan

So Inconsiderate

HIS WIFE *(an ardent amateur actress)*: "My dear, they've cast you for a part where you have to make love to me—I *do* wish they'd given you something you know how to do"

BY A. K. MACDONALD

London Nights Entertainments

BY "JINGLE." ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN MORROW

"THE GIRL IN THE TAXI" AT THE LYRIC THEATRE

WHEN you want to form an opinion as to whether a play is likely to be a popular success or not, there is nothing like waiting until it has run for a hundred nights or so. You can then pay a visit to the theatre, and if you cannot arrive at any satisfactory conclusion as to the merits or otherwise of the production, a glance round the crowded house will be of material assistance to you in coming to a reliable decision. That is what is the matter with *The Girl in the Taxi*. Whether the doctors differ or not as to the merits of the production, the plain fact remains that the public have taken it, metaphorically speaking, to their hearts. On the night of my visit I found the house crowded with a typical musical-comedy audience, that laughed and cheered on the slightest provocation, and seemed to be enjoying itself hugely all the time.

The good people who compose musical-comedy audiences have always seemed to me to form a class apart from the rest of the theatre-goers of London. Little jests and quips that would be charitably overlooked in an ordinary play are welcomed by musical-comedy audiences with shouts of delight. Once, for instance, in the second act of this piece, a young man who was holding a lady's hat, pretended to be brushing it with his coat sleeve, in the reverent manner of the male person towards his silk "topper." It was a slight jest, but the crowded house roared with laughter at it; indeed, a gentleman near me was obliged to sit back in his stall and wipe his glasses, which had become tear-stained with his uncontrolled mirth. It must be the paralysing effect of music on the healthy human mind; though, of course, I do not assert this positively, for fear I might be called upon to produce evidence in support of my contention.

Sketched by Norman Morrow

The undoubted success of *The Girl in the Taxi* is probably due to the happy circumstance that the story is mostly concerned with the minor breaches of the conventions, which, as we all know, are indispensable to a really jolly time. The path of virtue may be the path of happiness, but most people have a fancy to try the short cuts. In this piece, virtue is so highly thought of that Mme. Suzanne Pomarel, the wife of a wealthy manufacturer, is, at quite an early stage, awarded a prize by a distinguished Member of the Academy for consistent virtue in her married life. Consequently, when she makes an appointment to meet an admirer (in the absence of her husband), at a smart restaurant, it must be obvious to everyone that her object in going with the young man to such a place was the outcome of a laudable desire to reform his morals. Virtue is like a lighted candle. It can give light to any number of other candles without losing any of its own brilliance—unless, of course, as sometimes will happen, it has the misfortune to become abruptly extinguished by an unexpected, but no less deplorable, accident.

The liveliest scene of the production is developed in the second of the three acts—at the *Jeunesse Dorée* restaurant. There the lady who has received the medal for virtue meets a simple young man and becomes, as it is put in the play, "the Child's Guide to Knowledge." Naturally enough, the lady's husband turns up unexpectedly, and the complications that ensue are quite deliriously amusing—to a musical-comedy audience. Once, when the husband

"The Girl in the Taxi" is already an established success, and is likely to remain so. As will be judged from Mr. Morrow's sketches, the ladies have a very fair share of the limelight, and, to do them justice, they deserve it

asked the simple young man if he had a wife, and the young man replied that he had not a wife—of his own, the shrieks of laughter that greeted the sally gave one a renewed faith in the simple goodness of human nature. This second act goes with a rush of hilarity from first to last, and when the curtain falls on a really well-arranged scene of accentuated gaiety and *joie de vivre,* the enthusiasm of the audience is easy to understand.

The Member of the Academy who awarded the prize for virtue in the first act is Baron Dauvray. The Baron is evidently a reliable authority on the subject of virtue, as he seems to have studied it from all sides—to judge from his joyous behaviour at the smart night restaurant. This part is taken by Mr. Arthur Playfair, who is a distinct asset to the production. Then there is Mr. C. H. Workman, who is not only heard to advantage in the strictly musical portion of the piece, but is also seen as an exponent of the fine art of mild intoxication. It is in this condition that he fires off one of the most appreciated jokes of the evening. When the waiter of the restaurant speaks to him he observes that he is addressing his remarks to both of them, and thereupon the laughter is both long and loud. I am informed that there is a certain stage of inebriety in which objects surveyed have an appearance of duplicating themselves, and if my information is correct, some light is thrown upon this otherwise somewhat obscure little jest. Mr. Workman is Monsieur Pomarel, the gentleman whose wife secures the prize for virtue; and a great deal of amusement is afforded by his exciting chase of the young man who has been treating the lady to supper. A very amusing sketch of a youth who is commencing his education as a man about town is given by Mr. Robert Averell, who gets a good deal of fun out of an attempt to keep up with the pace of an ultra-smart restaurant on a total capital of three pounds sterling. The piece is very richly mounted, and there are quite a number of beautiful young women, who are described on the programme as "Stars of the *Jeunesse Dorée,*" and stars, as we know, usually come out at night. *The Girl in the Taxi* is, I should say, likely to receive the support of the musical-comedy public for a very long time.

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The Bystander in PARIS

A SCRAMBLE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT FRENCH PRESIDENT?

From the Balkans to—

We are all as busy talking internal politics in Paris now as just a little while ago we were busy talking war. It is one of the peculiarities of this bright little village that everybody talks the same talk in streaks for a while, and then drops it. There was war talk everywhere. You were pro-Turk or pro-Balkan to begin with, then, when we all became pro-Balkan, we all became amateur strategists, and fought the war's battles with match-boxes in the cafés, or much more agreeably with sticks of grease paint, and other toilet accessories, in dressing-rooms of theatres or that delightful abode of the Parisienne of mornings, the *petit salon de madame*. I remember a dear little strategist in a blue-and-white *peignoir* at the Théâtre —— who made me miss the whole second act of—never mind of what—because she was routing me at Kirk Kilisse. It was enjoyable, although she told me that she couldn't drop a syllable in Kilisse for me unless the Kirk came first. It really isn't fair for a French girl to know as much English as that.

"A dear little strategist in a blue-and-white peignoir was routing me at Kirk Kilisse"

—The Presidential Election

And now we are all discussing the chances of the candidates for the Presidency of the French Republic. This game is, if anything, a more difficult one than the other, because one has so little to go on. The principal excitement in the game is caused by the fact that none of the candidates for the Presidential Election admit that they are candidates. There is talk, of course, of Monsieur Léon Bourgeois. Whenever there is a Cabinet crisis, or a change in the holder of the highest office in the Republic, there always *is* talk of Monsieur Léon Bourgeois. He is the most popular politician in France, because of his weak health. Other men are known to be, or are said to be (in politics it is much the same thing), candidates for this or that office. Monsieur Léon Bourgeois is never a candidate, but it is always understood that if his health permit he may possibly be persuaded to accept office. That is why he is Minister of Labour now. He draws a good salary, has very little to do for it, and if he can be persuaded to be a candidate for the Presidency of the Republic he will probably be elected, because the other candidates will vote for him in the hope that he will not retain office for seven long years as Monsieur Loubet and Monsieur Fallières have done.

Monsieur Pams's Chance

Failing Monsieur Bourgeois there is talk of Monsieur Pams. He is a Senator and Minister of Agriculture. He is a genial person, with a nice deep pocket, and his election would be popular, because his name is easily pronounced abroad, because he has never cut any particular figure in politics, and because he has always been fond of entertaining. Neither Monsieur Poincaré nor Monsieur Briand, nor Monsieur Delcassé stand very much chance. They all loom too large in political activity. Monsieur Poincaré is too good a Prime Minister to be shelved with honour at the Elysée, and Monsieur Delcassé would have an apoplectic stroke if he were forced to become a nonentity. As for Monsieur Briand, his Socialist antecedents are against him. The President

Christmas Eve As She Spent It Last Year—

Heart-whole and fancy free, the season's debutante spent the festive occasion, with festive friends, in festive fashion, at a smart restaurant

—And As She Is Spending It This

Next Spring, however, Cupid did his work, with the result that Christmas Eve in 1912 *is spent "dans l'intimité"*

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of the Republic has to receive Royalty and to represent France, and Monsieur Briand would hardly do these things very well. Besides, he is a bachelor, and—well, young men will be young men. Then, of course, there is Monsieur Dupuy, the owner of the *Petit Parisien*. He is Senator for Lourdes, and possibly believes in miracles.

The Prime Favourite

But I think the prime favourite just now—there will be many changes before the Presidential electors wake up sleepy old Versailles—is Monsieur Deschanel. Paul Deschanel became President of the Chamber for the first time he held office because of the excellence of his tailor and the smoothness of his hair. Not to put too fine a point on it, Paul Deschanel dressed, looked, and behaved like a gentleman in days when roughness and untidiness in speech, in dress, and—well, may I say finger-nails ?—were the characteristics of the French M.P. These things have changed now. French politicians brush their hats and wear clean collars every day. Deschanel was laughed at at first. He looked too nice, and he looked too young, people said, to have authority. Then he showed that he was neither too young nor too namby-pamby to rule the Chamber; he married a very charming woman, who, though plain of face, dressed better than any woman in French Parliamentary circles, and received like a lady; and now he stands a very excellent chance of going to the Elysée.

Republican Manners

As the Third Republic matures, it is interesting to watch the change in her representatives. Monsieur Loubet was the first to show that it was not necessary to be a shaggy *sans-culotte* to be a good Republican. The political failure of Monsieur Pelletan and his kind made people think, and good manners and some acquaintance with the ways of the world are now considered an advantage in the fight for office. It is a most amusing fight. The weapons are visits, dinner-parties, and gossip. The women have a great deal to say in the coming election, and the women are all in favour of Paul Deschanel. Meanwhile there is one very angry man in France, who is watching his chances of the Presidential Chair dwindle to nothing. That man is Monsieur Antonin Dubost, the President of the Senate. Until a few weeks ago most people thought he must become President of the Republic, and he undoubtedly thought so himself. President Fallières was President of the Senate, and so was President Loubet.

"A SPANISH IDYLL." BY CARLOS VAZQUEZ

An Unlucky Third

But, quaintly enough, it is just because of this fact that Monsieur Dubost has less chance now than he had before. The President is elected by the two Houses. The members of the Chamber don't want to have a third President of the Upper House elected to the Elysée. They think it will make a precedent and stultify the freedom of election. So M. Antonin Dubost, who has worked hard for this crowning point in his career, will probably be sacrificed to Monsieur Pams's money, Monsieur Deschanel's tailor, or Madame Deschanel's cook. He consoles himself by saying smart and angry things about possible candidates.

And for the time being the next President of the Republic is still President X.

JOHN N. RAPHAEL

Hors de Combat

Photograph *Rita Martin*

MISS JULIA JAMES

Who was to have played a leading part in "Officer 666," but succumbed to a threat of an operation for appendicitis. It is rumoured that on her recovery she will be seen in the principal rôle of a new play at one of the leading London theatres

The Bystander IN BERLIN

THE TWILIGHT OF THE WAR CORRESPONDENT

Seeking for Slaughter

The Berlin Bystander has returned from the stricken field. For six weeks he, with numerous less distinguished war correspondents, has been riding about Thrace seeking for slaughter. The trouble was to find any. Turkish soldiers slain by Bulgarians, Bulgarian warriors slain by Turks, innocent civilians slaughtered by either side, and victims of cholera were equally rare. True, they were somewhere about, but nobody could find them. The war was invisible to the war correspondents. Immense sums were spent on motors, horses, interpreters, servants, revolvers, and jam, but the slaughter was always far away. Deadly battles nightly raged between war correspondents and fleas; but all the other fighting was beyond the hills. The Berlin Bystander's innocent newspaper spent vast sums, and got small exchange. He was with the Turks. With the other side things were worse. One determined correspondent brought to Sofia a motor-car worth £1,200, four horses, three servants, a secretary, and 13lb. of flea-powder, yet he did not once catch sight of a dead soldier. Not even of a living one, except the sentry outside King Ferdinand's bilious-hued palace. The careful Bulgars kept him behind the guns — two hundred miles behind the guns, and—as Dooley says—willing to be further.

A PORTENTOUS VISIT?

The Crown Prince Ferdinand of Roumania photographed in the streets of Berlin on the occasion of his recent visit. Great political significance was attached to H.R.H.'s presence in the German capital. He was received personally by the Kaiser, and also had audience with the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Herr Kiderlen-Waechter, who was present at a banquet given subsequently at the Roumanian Embassy

A Thrilling Discovery

Once in his thirst for slaughter he resolved to break out of Stara Zagora, where war correspondents were then safely interned; and thus get within reasonable distance—say a hundred miles—of a battle. Within half an hour he came, upon the road, on a dead soldier in uniform. This discovery so thrilled him that he determined to return to Sofia, and send a page-long despatch. It would begin, "I am the only war correspondent on the victorious side who has, so far, seen a dead man. . . ." As he was turning his motor-car the dead man suddenly awoke, rose, and said something in Bulgar which the scholarly correspondent interpreted as a request for a drink. The Berlin Bystander's experiences have convinced him that the honourable trade of war correspondent is dead. He is not allowed to see battles; and if he invents battles he is not allowed to wire about them. A French correspondent invented a thrilling fight near Vranja which never took place; but the Censor refused to pass it, on the ground that it might give useful information to the Turks. The war correspondents with the Turks ought to have had a better time, because when the Turks broke down the correspondents managed to see things. But there was no way of getting despatches out. No post, no telegraph! And the special courier (Greek) whom you sent to Constantinople usually got cold feet, returned with the despatch undelivered, and demanded £20 for not risking his life.

The Shocked Censor

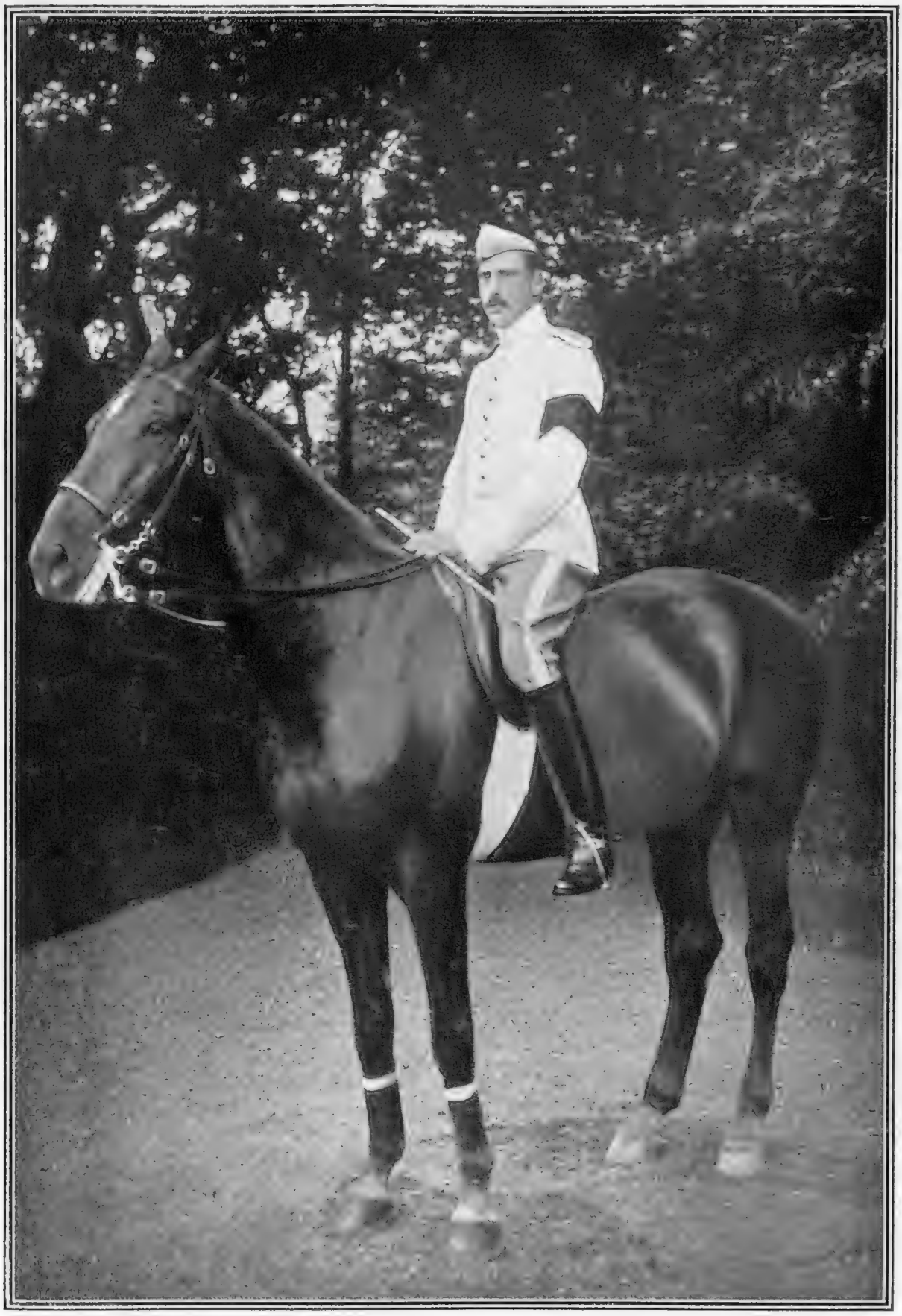
And the Censors! Most pleasing of all were the Bulgarian. One correspondent who actually did get within 100 miles of a skirmish did see a dead man—a wounded man who died on his way to hospital. He rushed to the telegraph-office. "'Dead man,'" read the shocked Censor. "You must not cable about dead men. That is unveiling military secrets. But you can say anything else. Let's proceed: 'Under brilliant sunshine. . . .' Excuse me, but that would give a clue to the Turks. I must strike out about the sunshine." Naturally the Turk was no better than the Bulgar. The Berlin Bystander drafted a touching tale about ox-waggons full of refugees. The Censor mutilated it. "The bit about ox-waggons would reveal our movements," he said, "to the enemy. The Bulgarians would deduce the fact that the ox-waggons had spoiled the roads." In the next war the war correspondent will not be tolerated at all. Not even in the capitals. He has fallen a victim to his own greatness. He has multiplied too rapidly. With Turks, Bulgars, Montenegrins, Serbs, and Greeks were this time about 500 war correspondents, who brought 1,200 servants and interpreters, and 1,400 horses. The Bulgarians alone had 150. What can an army do with them? Who was to transport them, feed them, forage for them?

Wars for War Correspondents

In future, if newspapers want war descriptions they must make their own wars. The 500 war correspondents would be enough. Two hundred of them might be made to fight as Turks; two hundred more as Christians; and the last hundred could chronicle their battles and doughty deeds. This system would have advantages. Firstly, the hundred would see some real fighting; secondly, the papers would be able to choose their own time for a war, and could prevent it clashing with other stirring things such as the Home Rule Bill. Thirdly, after the war the number of war correspondents would be reduced. Fourthly. . . .

In the Saddle, But Not Concerned

WITH ANY OF THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE WORRYING HIS BROTHER SOVEREIGNS



H.M. THE KING OF DENMARK

We are pleased to publish this photograph, if only because the "sitter" is one of the very few European Sovereigns who is not mixed up with the Turco-Balkan-Austro-German-Russo-British conflict at present raging in London

Van Dyck's Countess of Devon

A MASTERPIECE, NOW ON EXHIBITION IN LONDON, WHICH IS LIKELY TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF COLLECTORS

Interest is being taken in the portrait, by Van Dyck, of Elizabeth Countess of Devon, which is now to be seen by American millionaires and other would-be appropriators of masterpieces at 4, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge. The portrait is one of the two or three representations by the master of the same lady, who was the second wife of Francis Courtenay, of Powderham Castle, and the daughter of Sir Edward Seymour, Bt., of Berry Pomeroy. The date of the painting is 1627, the occasion of Van Dyck's second visit to England. It was in the possession of the widow of the Duc de Persigny until 1879, when it became the property of the present owner

BYSTANDER SHORT STORY

GETTING RID OF DOLBY

THE HISTORY OF A CLUB BORE

By RADCLIFFE MARTIN

"You understand that my drive from the tee had been something exceptional!"

BLACK'S Club is an excellent institution. Its outlook on Piccadilly is unequalled. It has the second best *chef* and the third best cellar in London. Its head-waiter is a walking "Ruff's Guide to the Turf." Its committee is more intelligent than most club committees. Its members are carefully selected. It is useless putting up for Black's just because you happen to be an M.P. or have ten thousand a year. Unless you have the reputation of being a good sort you stand no chance at the ballot. But—it is a big but—Dolby is a member of Black's.

Now, Dolby is the Napoleon of bores. He is in club life what the *Spectator* is in the newspaper world. He combines in himself those two deadly varieties, the golf bore and the motoring bore. He is terrible on gardening, and drivels dreadfully about his gardens at Surbiton. He has ideas on the Fiscal Question. Though a bachelor, he is worse even than Father Vaughan on the birth-rate. He is great on the Empire, portentous in his orations on finance, and the way in which he tells you what the Government is going to do is only equalled by the curious felicity with which the Government does the other thing. Experts say that Dolby on a German Invasion is some hundred per cent. worse than any possible invasion could be. And the worst of the man is that he is the best-tempered and most amiable being imaginable and utterly impervious to snubs. His one redeeming point is that he lives at Surbiton, and has to catch a train at 10.30. From ten o'clock peace reigns in the smoke-room at Black's.

At this delicious hour one night Dolby stopped himself in an oration, and said: "Ah, I must be off. Train to catch. Good night, you fellows."

There was a gasp of relief when he had left the room. He had a very penetrating voice, and he had been talking about the future of Tariff Reform.

"In a decently civilised country," commented Vigor, "a man like that would be hung to the nearest lamp-post and statues would be set up in honour of his executioners. The Committee ought to be petitioned to ask him to resign."

"It would be hard on Dolby. He's well-meaning enough," said Rogers.

"Well-meaning be hanged," broke out Captain Clifford. "It's the well-meaning people who do all the mischief in the world. Why, he told me how his motor back-fired for twenty minutes to-night. I wish it had back-fired him to blazes, though in such a case Beelzebub would have my deep sympathy."

"You should have heard him on Proportional Representation under Home Rule," remarked Vigor. "When he gets me in a corner I feel that I shall have to resign my membership. How can we stop him?"

"Would it do if we all persistently borrowed money from him?" suggested Rogers.

"Hang it, he'd lend it," cried the Captain. "He'd be just as free with his money as he is with his beastly information."

"If he'd only go abroad and give us a rest for a month or so," said Thompson. "Won't some heroic person volunteer to take him to the Riviera? I promise if the hero returns alive to get up a testimonial to him in the club."

"Coward," said Rogers. "Why don't you volunteer yourself? For my part I'm not going to be driven to suicide even for the sake of the smoke-room at Black's."

Doctor Akroyd, who had been listening in silence, took his pipe out of his mouth. "Send him to Sir Benjamin Burford, the Harley Street man. He tells all his patients to go a trip round the world. Between ourselves, I think he must be paid a retaining salary by the tourist agencies and steamboat companies."

"Great idea," said Rogers. "Suppose all of us here tell old Dolby that he is not looking up to the mark and recommend him to go to Sir Benjamin."

"Can't find it in my professional conscience to do it," said the Doctor. "A patient of mine, who had nothing much the matter with him, somehow got into Sir Benjamin's clutches. He was a bank clerk, and was told he must take a voyage round the world. He took some of the bank's cash to help him on his way. Now, I believe, he is enjoying excellent health at Portland."

"But we others can do it," said Captain Clifford. "Old Dolby literally rolls in money. Such a voyage would do him no harm, and it would enable him to gather information which would last him for ten years and me for a hundred. Imagine him on the Empire when he comes back!"

Every man in the smoke-room, with the exception of the Doctor, was sworn into the conspiracy. One or two objected that when Dolby returned he would be something absolutely appalling, but they gave way when it was pointed out to them that the *habitués* of the smoke-room needed six months' rest.

So the next evening, when Dolby buttonholed Rogers and began to give him what he called a synopsis of the arguments for and against Welsh Disestablishment—Dolby flattered himself on the judicial way in which he handled grave questions—Rogers listened to him in lamb-like fashion without even a wriggle. When Dolby paused after twenty minutes with a "Now,

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have I convinced you, or have I not?" Rogers straightway replied, "You have, Dolby, but I wanted to say to you that you don't look well. Not as bright as usual. If I were you I should drop round and see Sir Benjamin Burford. People tell me that he is a very good man."

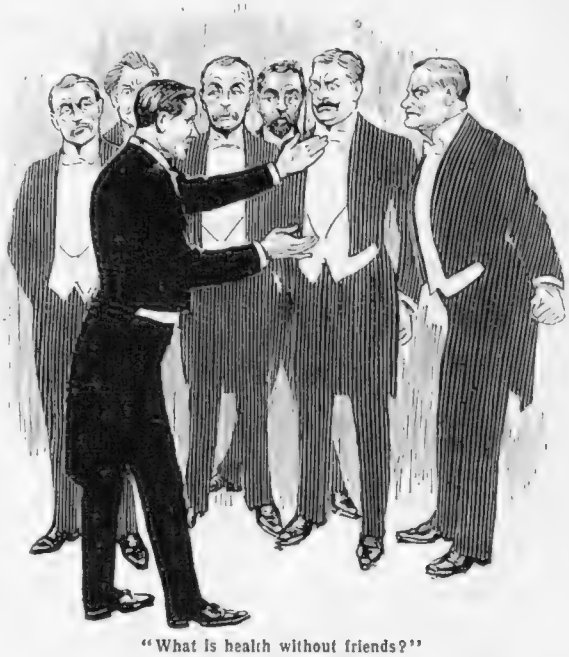
"I'm as fit as paint," replied Dolby, "and I'll tell you what keeps me fit—golf and motoring. That reminds me. This morning I was bunkered just by the ninth hole. You understand that my drive from the tee had been something exceptional."

Rogers stood it for five minutes, and then said untruthfully and unconvincingly that he had to catch a train home—a paltry excuse for a man who notoriously lived in Hyde Park Mansions.

However, Captain Clifford, with the calm courage of a soldier approaching a forlorn hope, strolled up and was gripped by the Club's Ancient Mariner. The Captain listened to Dolby's proposed scheme of War Office Reform with an amiability which, to say the least, was not characteristic of him. When Dolby at last had exhausted both himself and the topic—his listener was exhausted long before—the Captain said solemnly, "You're putting too much strain on that brain of yours, Dolby. There's a nervous twitching about your face that I don't like. If you'll be advised by me you'll go and see that great Harley Street doctor. Let me see—what's his name! Ah, Sir Benjamin Burford."

"My dear fellow," replied Dolby, "thanks for your kindness, but I feel perfectly well. Never was fitter in my life."

"Just the words my poor old colonel used. It's a curious coincidence."



"What is health without friends?"

"What happened to him?" inquired Dolby uneasily.

"Oh, I don't want to make you nervous."

"You won't make me nervous."

"Died twenty-four hours afterwards, and the old regiment will never have his equal again."

Dolby glanced nervously at himself in a looking-glass, and his subsequent discourse on the certainty of a German war, though it did not lack duration, certainly lacked connection.

One by one the *habitués* of the smoke-room made insidious remarks about Sir Benjamin Burford. It took a week to induce Dolby to make the plunge. At last the news spread that he had an appointment for a certain day, and on that evening the smoke-room was fuller than usual.

"I'll bet cigars and drinks round," said Doctor Akroyd, "that the distinguished ornament of my profession has sent him round the world."

"No takers," said the Captain. "Mind you fellows keep straight faces when Dolby comes in."

The next minute Dolby entered.

"Well, old man," said Rogers cheerily, "how goes it?"

"I haven't very good news," said Dolby. "Sir Benjamin examined me very closely, and gave it as his opinion that unless I took a voyage round the world and was away from the strain of London life for eight or nine months, the consequences would be very serious."

A sigh of relief went round the room.

"I thought my friends would sympathise with me," said Dolby.

"Take a bright view of it," said the Captain. "After all, you have the time, and the money doesn't matter to you. And the knowledge a man of your capacity for observation would collect on such a trip would be astounding. Wish I could come with you."

"Why not?" said Dolby. "Don't let expense stand in the way. It would be a privilege for me to bear all charges."

"Malaria," said the Captain promptly. "Can't face a tropical climate again. My doctor would never allow me."

"You book your passage at once," said Rogers, "and be off instantly, so you can get back quickly. I tell you that you will be missed. You'll leave quite a blank in the smoke-room."

"Very kind of you to say so," sighed Dolby. "I may say that the great pleasure of my life has been the interchange of ideas with my friends here."

"It has been a great privilege for us all," said the Captain. "Speaking for myself, I may say that I have received more information from you, Dolby, than from any other living man."

There was a chorus of approval. Member after member stated his indebtedness to Dolby. Hopes were expressed that he would return soon in perfect health, coupled with judicious warnings against defying the doctor's orders by returning too soon.

"Above all things, Dolby," everybody said, "take warning in time and follow Sir Benjamin's advice to the letter."

"I shall have to think it over," said Dolby. "When I have anything that requires reflection I always go and play a quiet game of golf. I find that my mind works better when I have some little physical difficulty to overcome. Now, for example, that point about the financial position of Ireland under Home Rule that I put to you yesterday, Rogers, was thought out in the bunker to the left of the fourteenth hole. Perhaps some of you didn't hear it. It was this."

And for a quarter of an hour Dolby had a pathetically attentive audience.

During the next week advice on foreign travel hailed on him. There was quite a competition to draw up

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routes for his voyage, and Captain Clifford and Rogers almost quarrelled over the question whether Dolby should begin or finish his travels in the States. Dolby received all the advice thankfully, and at last one evening he spoke.

"I wanted to tell you fellows just what I'm going to do. I've made up my mind."

"You start with the States, Dolby," said the Captain.

"Well, I've thought things out," said Dolby. "I've been deeply impressed by the kind interest you fellows have taken in me."

"Don't mention it, Dolby," exclaimed half a dozen voices.

"Above all things in the world I appreciate the pleasant comradeship I have found at Black's. Well, I have given up my house at Surbiton."

"Quite right," said the Captain. "No good keeping it on while you are away."

"No, no! Besides, I'm only going to be away three months, after all. And I'm taking a flat close by here for when I get back. Even if it is not altogether good for my health — well, what is health without friends? And, at any rate, I shan't have to hasten away every night at ten just when I am beginning to enjoy myself."

The most unpopular man in Black's is Doctor Akroyd.

You should—or, at least, you shouldn't—have heard Dolby upon Syndicalism. RADCLIFFE MARTIN

HIS CHRISTMAS DINNER

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SAY what you will, to meet interesting people is the most amusing pastime in life, particularly if you are sufficiently interesting yourself to obtain from them rather more than may be given to the ordinary person. No excuse was needed for another volume of reminiscences from Mrs. L. B. Walford's pen. Her *Memories of Victorian London* (Arnold: 12*s.* 6*d.* net) reads easily and delightfully, and will be popular with everybody who likes to look back a few years to see "how things were done then." Mrs. Walford seems to have been particularly fortunate in the people whom she has met. She and a young relation of hers, here called simply "Mary," together met everyone worth knowing in a London innocent of motor-cars and bridge parties. This was the time when "young Mr. Leighton" was a sculptor, when Spurgeon preached at the Tabernacle, when Arthur Sullivan was composing certain airs which to-day are known all over the world, when Oscar Wilde, not yet a dramatist, was already turning the heads of a number of young people, when Lawrence Oliphant, Wilkie Collins, and Coventry Patmore were "lions," and when Lady Granville Gordon startled everybody by establishing a hat-shop and "going into trade." There are many good stories—some, of course, one has heard before, but that is inevitable in a book of this kind—and many amusing sidelights on the society of the second half of last century. A book for the fireside with tea and hot toast, a book, too, which may leave you rather cynically considering the state of London Society to-day. Progress is apt to amble along curious roads.

"The Recipe for Rubber"

Mr. Ralph Stock will shortly be occupying an enviable position as a writer of short stories. Already he must be well known to BYSTANDER readers. Having spent several years of his life in various far corners of the earth—if the earth has corners, which I have always doubted—he has found material for abundance of good yarns. *The Recipe for Rubber* (Lynwood: 6*s.*) is an exciting story which will increase Mr. Stock's reputation as a virile and adventurous writer. The tale centres about a recipe for making artificial rubber, memorised—and forgotten—by a young Englishman cruising in southern waters. Many strange adventures befall him on a lonely island, but he is fully recompensed for his troubles by the love of a "little brown girl" whose feats under the waves are not a little astonishing. After reading the usual analytical novel of temperament—to use a favourite phrase of the critic—Mr. Stock's work in the Stevensonian vein comes as a welcome relief, and although *The Recipe for Rubber* is very short for a six-shilling novel, it none the less deserves to be bought. Norman Lindsay, not so well known in this country as he ought to be, though easily the most prominent cartoonist in Australia, provides several illustrations in his usual splendid manner.

Photograph *Weston*
MISS WINIFRED GRAHAM
(Mrs. Theodore Cory)
Whose new book, "Gods of the Dead," was recently published by Ryder

Another Short Story

Another short story put forth in book form is the prolific Robert Chambers's *Blue-Bird Weather* (Appletons: 3*s.* 6*d.* net). Here the tale is not very original—an American rents a small duck-shoot, and falls in love with his bayman's daughter, the bayman, of course, being not what he seems—but it is charmingly told, and Dana Gibson's drawings help to make of it an acceptable present. The background, I fancy, must be new for an American story.

A New Diary

This is the time for diaries. One is so often going to keep a diary. In ten years' time it will be so interesting to look back and find out what you did and thought then. Very few people, however, do keep diaries, or if they do, rarely show them to friends. A new one just to hand pleases my fancy—*The Nature-Lover's Diary* (Letts: 5*s.* and 3*s.* 6*d.* net), edited by Lorna Leigh and illustrated in colour by Duncan Moul. Here each month has its foreword, and each page its appropriate quotation. A picturesque little production.

"Truth's Annual"

The new *Truth's Christmas Annual* (1*s.* net) maintains its distinctive touch. This year, our old friend Ingoldsby makes a fresh bow, and in his modern setting is almost as amusing as he was at the time of his first appearance. The coloured supplements, too, are vastly diverting and also just a little unkind—a fact which adds to their success.

Short Pantomimes

Private theatricals in the drawing-room don't seem as popular as they were ten years ago. Perhaps the numerous amateur dramatic clubs, with their deftly constructed stages, are responsible. But if any short pantomimes are wanted for any country house or parish hall this season, I can recommend Miss Evelyn Meadows Taylor's *Six Fairy Plays* (Ouseley: 1*s.* 6*d.* net). Here are the most popular nursery tales rhymed out in the old-fashioned way, with small casts and not too great a tax on the local scene-painter's resources. A book which should not be lost sight of.

RALPH STRAUS

A GREAT ARMY—AND ITS OPERATIONS

Within a few days Christmas, that glad season of "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men," will be with us once again, and so, taking advantage of the benevolent spirit which is abroad at this time, we would invite the perusal of the following interesting facts. They concern a great army, and are well worthy of your attention—and sympathy.

There are many charitable organisations in existence, all doing valuable work towards ameliorating the conditions of that section of humanity which is always with us—the poor, but it may be safely asserted that there are none whose influence is so far reaching as that of the Salvation Army. A humble mission founded in the East End of London by the late General Booth, close on fifty years ago, was the nucleus of the colossal organisation which continues to progress throughout the whole world, fighting the great fight against the dire fiend of poverty and destitution, and securing the reclamation of thousands of those unfortunate ones who, owing either to their own shortcomings or weaknesses, or hardships and misfortune generally, have fallen out of the ranks in the great battle of life.

At the outset the Salvation Army were quick to realise that a starving man is unlikely to respond to preaching alone, and to this fact is doubtless attributable the wonderful degree of success which they have achieved in their own particular sphere. Their method is to supply the corporeal needs of the subject to begin with, and discuss his salvation with him later, when he is in a frame of mind more likely to be concerned about it. Thus in the majority of cases the benefit is not merely of a temporary nature, but proves the turning point in a man's life, helping and encouraging him and affording him the means to regain a footing in respectable society. The Army imposes no restrictions concerning the religious belief of those whom it benefits; all, irrespective of sect or denomination, are eligible for assistance at its hands. Its creed is simply "ask and ye shall be given," though, of course, it is entirely opposed to anything in the nature of indiscriminate charity.

THE ARMY AT WORK

The Army controls no fewer than 1,048 Social Institutions, and affords shelter to 28,000 poor people nightly.

The Spa Road Elevator at Bermondsey is in itself a wonderful example of what a well-conducted charity organisation such as the Salvation Army can do. Here the business carried on is nothing more or less than waste-paper sorting! Six hundred men are daily found work, boarded, and housed in the buildings, which cover some two and a half acres of ground. Amongst the thousands of men who have passed through this institution, and subsequently regained a respectable position in Society, are University Graduates, Doctors of Medicine, Solicitors, Military Officers, Clergymen, Actors, etc. In all the densely populated districts in the Provinces similar institutions are in existence, all doing the same great work of reclamation, and giving shelter and employment to over two thousand men. His Grace the Duke of Argyll, referring to the work accomplished at the "Elevator," says: "Your Homes combine all the good of a club, a home, a hospital for mind and body, a recruiting place for those desiring a new start, and a chance to help their fellow-men and themselves."

But it is not only the men whom the Army is daily striving to succour. It is devoting its attention, with corresponding energy, to the cause of the women. And this Women's Social Work deals with many matters of great importance in their bearing on the complex problems of civilisation. Many Maternity Homes have been erected in addition to a large Maternity Hospital at Hackney, and funds for the extension of the latter are most urgently required. The good work of the Army in this important section is, indeed, inestimable.

In view of the present agitation relative to the White Slave Traffic, it is also worthy of record that the Army has for some considerable time given its attention to the improvement of existing conditions, and regularly conducts what is known as Piccadilly midnight work.

The cause of the children is also receiving enthusiastic attention, and by means of a special system of child emigration recently instituted, good work is being done towards dealing with the 350,000 unwanted little ones whose existence in the British Isles at the present day is, indeed, an important social question.

It is, of course, quite impossible to deal adequately with such an extensive subject in the limited space at our disposal, nor can we discuss the many and varied channel of social work into which the Salvation Army directs its energies. In addition to those alluded to above, Homes for Inebriates, Hospitals, Children's Homes, an Emigration Agency (the largest in the world for organised emigration), an Anti-Suicide Bureau, even Village Banks, all come within the control of this truly wonderful organisation.

On behalf of this deserving cause, then, the Salvation Army makes a special appeal this Christmastide to the benevolence and generosity of the readers of THE BYSTANDER. It pleads not only to enable it to extend and develop the permanent and regular forms of its service, but also that it may have the means of ameliorating the great misery of those unfortunate outcasts who are ready to perish through lack of food and clothing, especially during the winter months, and who are to be found in their thousands not only in the daytime but throughout the long darkness of the night suffering unmitigated privation.

Leaving out any question of the extension of operations, the Army requires at least £53,000 this year to carry out the Social Work to which it has pledged itself!

In conclusion, we can only trust that this appeal will meet with the generous and wholehearted response which it deserves. It is, perhaps, desirable to add that from time to time the methods connected with the financial administration of the Army have been assailed by unfair criticism, but for this not the slightest justification exists. Balance sheets are, and always have been, published annually, and all sections of the work are conducted on thoroughly straightforward principles. The investigation of all responsible persons is invited.

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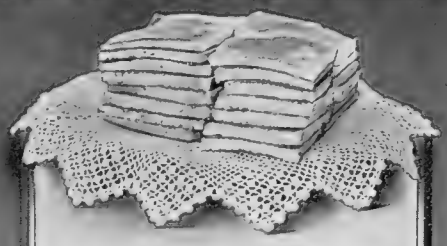

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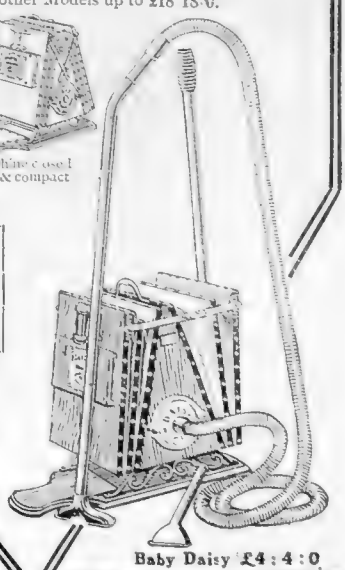

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THE 'VARSITY RUGBY MATCH

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An Oxford player, though attacked by three opponents, has made a clever pass. On the left of the forward who is taking the pass is L. G. Brown, the Oxford captain, ready to back him up. Brown scored a try for Oxford in the first ten minutes, but in the last quarter of an hour Symington and Blair scored tries for Cambridge, both of which were converted by Greenwood, and so Cambridge won by 10 points to 3. The Prince of Wales (Magdalen, Oxford) was an interested spectator of the match

After Seven Years

A draw would, perhaps, have been the most appropriate result of the 'Varsity match, for the two sides were about as level as they could well be. When this is the case, luck often plays a prominent part in the scoring, and all the three tries gained—one by Oxford in the first ten minutes and two by Cambridge in the last fifteen—were rather lucky ones. Cambridge won because they were a trifle the more lucky, and because their heavier forwards lasted better through a gruelling tussle; and no one will grudge them their victory, for they haven't actually won since 1905, though they managed to draw in 1908. When the match was over the Cambridge roar that went up almost made the windows of the houses in Comeragh Road rattle, and Greenwood was carried shoulder high into the pavilion.

Oxford's Fine Passing

Until the last quarter of an hour Oxford looked very like winning; they were getting the ball quite as often as Cambridge, and the passing of their backs, if somewhat stereotyped, was beautifully accurate. Had they been a few yards faster they would have scored four or five times. As it was, their wings were often collared only just in the nick of time, and once Steyn gave Hands a sitting chance with a clever return pass which looked all right, but the referee gave it "forward." Knott was the speediest, safest, and brainiest player on the side; he was "all over the shop," and yet always in the right place, and the only fault to be found with him—if it can be termed a fault—was that he was too unselfish and might have tried to do a bit more on his own. There was always danger ahead, too, for Cambridge whenever the ball went out to Geen's wing, and Dickson at back was as safe as houses.

The Turning-Point

Where the Cambridge attack failed mostly was at centre-three-quarter, and this prevented their two fliers on the wing, Lowe and Will, from turning their great pace to much account. Most times they were utilising it in chasing Geen and Steyn. Like the Oxford backs, they had one or two bits of bad luck. The turning-point came when Geen, for a wonder, miskicked badly, when punting for touch, almost over his own line, and Cambridge got a try. Greenwood placed a goal, and Oxford from being three points up suddenly found themselves two points down. It shook them up, whereas Cambridge were correspondingly "bucked." Thenceforward they never looked like losing. H. S. S.

Photograph] THE WINNING CAMBRIDGE FIFTEEN [*Stearn, Cambridge*

BACK ROW (*left to right*): P. Middlemas (Christ's Hospital and Pembroke), A. F. Maynard (Durham and Emmanuel), A. W. Symington (Fettes and Clare)

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FRONT ROW: T. G. Fowler (Eastbourne and Caius), B. S. Cumberlege (Durham and Emmanuel), J. E. Greenwood (Capt., Dulwich and King's), P. C. Blair (Fettes and King's), J. G. Will (Merchant Taylors and Downing)

ON GROUND: A. H. Wilson (Merchiston and Pembroke), W. H. B. Baxter (Merchiston and Pembroke)

The Prestwick Course

Moved, no doubt, by what had been done at Sandwich and Muirfield, the Prestwick authorities began early this year to consider whether the same process might not be applied to their course with the same beneficial results. In the early spring, it must be remembered, the club had been enabled to purchase the 144½ acres of land north of the stone wall, which they had till then only rented from the Trustees of the Campbell Fairfield estate. Having made the whole course their own by this transaction, the Club were able to deal as they liked with it. The Committee proceeded in the matter with great caution, for they knew from the history of other clubs with what reluctance the members of an old club contemplate proposed changes in a course over which they and their fathers have played all their lives. The Committee invited Mr. Hilton and Braid to examine and report as to a remodelling of the course. This report was then submitted to Messrs. Aitken and Anderson, two old and trusted members of the club, was next further examined by Mr. Robert Maxwell, the greatest amateur in Scotland, and was finally considered by the Committee itself.

The Proposed Changes

The main recommendation was that the second hole should be abolished, and that players, after the first, should tee up just beyond and below the first green and go straight for the third, which would thus become the second. The reasons for this change were twofold. Firstly, the second hole, although in itself an excellent short hole, occurred at too early a point in the course, and, secondly, by cutting out the second hole and bringing the third green further south the Cardinal hole would be restored to its pristine glory. This proposal necessitated the addition of a new hole further on, and this it was proposed to make after the old eleventh.

Conservatism Prevails—So Far

However, the meeting of the Club decided against the proposed changes. The second hole is to be retained, half the wall only at the third green is to be removed, and the remainder is remitted to the Committee with powers, whatever that may mean. So ends the first engagement of the opposing forces. The traditional conservatism of an old club has asserted itself, and has, successfully, for the moment, resisted reform. But it may not be hazardous to prophesy that, as in other cases, the reformers will utimately win, and that beneficial changes will sooner or later be made. If and when they are made, it is much to be hoped that the seventh hole, the weakest and poorest of the course, will not be allowed to remain.

ERNEST LEHMANN

RACING: A Peep Ahead. By CARBINE

The Derby Outlook

At this time of the year in the old days long discussions were usual as to the prospects of the classic races in the ensuing season. Nowadays winter betting on the Derby has become practically non-existent. Yet in racing circles there is naturally still much talk as to the chances of the best three-year-olds. At the present moment the situation for the Derby appears to be much less complicated than it usually is. We are all agreed, I think, that Craganour was substantially the best youngster seen out last season, and it is difficult to see what can beat him at Epsom. However, plenty of favourites just as hot as he is have been defeated in the Derby before now, and much may happen before next June to render Craganour's chance of adding his name to the classic list of Derby winners less roseate than it appears to be. One sincerely hopes that Mr. Bower Ismay's colt may go on in the right way, but if anything should go amiss with him the new Derby favourite would probably be Shogun.

To Follow Tagalie?

Some good judges believe that Louvois will be seen to much greater advantage next year than he has been so far. I myself think there is tremendous scope for improvement in Mr. Walter Raphael's colt, and it will be wonderful luck if he trains on into a Derby winner, seeing that his owner was fortunate enough to take the same race this year. I do not imagine that we need go beyond Craganour, Shogun, and Louvois in our efforts to find the crack three-year-old colt of the coming season. The classic races for fillies have a much more uncertain aspect than the premier events for colts. Mr. E. Hulton hopes to win the Oaks with Waiontha, who so far has not been defeated. But that race is one on which I should not care to express a definite opinion so far in advance.

Selections for Newbury

There is promise of some good sport at Newbury, where the most important programme of the present week is to be brought off. At this popular Berkshire meeting the Open Steeplechase on Friday may be won by **Moonstruck,** while the Reading Steeplechase on the same afternoon may go to **Distaff.** On the second day it is interesting to find Braxted among the entries for the Berkshire Hurdle Race. Sir Thomas Dewar's horse was very smart on the flat when at his best, and many will remember his victory in the Stewards' Cup. Last season he did not do much good. I expect this race to be won by **Brandimintine,** who has taken very kindly to National Hunt racing. After the New Year sport is likely rapidly to improve, and the time to the opening of the flat-racing season will quickly pass. By the way, the first meeting of the year will not be at Lincoln as usual. Easter falls early, and it has been decided to begin the season at Kempton Park, Birmingham, and Newcastle on Easter Monday, Lincoln and Liverpool falling a week later. The change will make it a little strange for the old hands.

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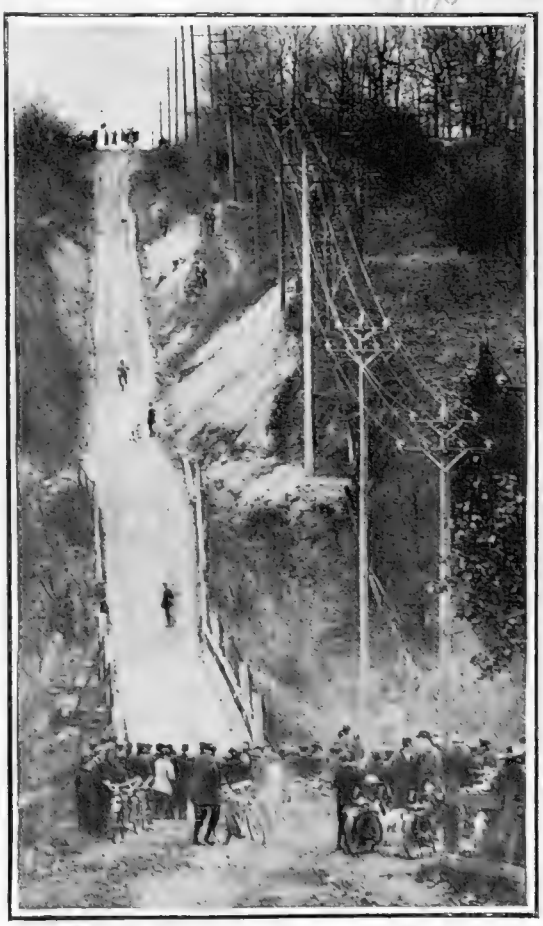
FUEL continues to occupy the motoring mind. The stir of the Show having died down, the air fills again with protests against petrol prices. The trade debates the perils of the situation gravely, and gravely censures the motoring organisations which have taken action with a view to discovering whether there is any way out—censures them, not because they have taken action, but because their scheme seems to involve co-operative buying and distributing. Taxi men are in travail because an advance in the price of petrol to them is threatened. Their protest takes the form of the strike, which, I understand, is to happen in the New Year if they are called upon to pay more for supplies than hitherto. What to do no man clearly knoweth. Paraffin carburettors, say some; others, how blest the substitute to come; while dealers take the cash in hand and waive the rest, but all are sure they're underneath the Combine's thumb!

A Combine's Strangle-Hold

Not to put too fine a point on it, the Petrol Combine has us in a strangle-hold. We may kick and struggle; we may urge plaintively that the industry may very likely be crippled; we may hold indignation meetings and conferences, make appeals and threats and anything else that seems good in our sight or that comes lightly off the tongue, but the net result is a point-blank refusal on the part of the Combine to budge from its policy. The trade is not being crippled at present, it says in effect, and until there are signs that it is, you are getting your petrol quite cheaply enough. It seems rather a pathetic position for a nation to be in, but it is the inevitable result of private control of the effective sources of supply. The same thing has happened in other connections, and will happen again. Given a thoroughly organised Combine commanding the avenues of production and distribution, and the only limit to the price that can be demanded is the purchasing power of the market. An astute Combine will never force prices beyond that point, first, because demand would fall off, and, second, because, if it is a vital necessity, the whole nation would move in the direction of nationalisation.



SOMETHING LIKE A HILL

The Toronto Motor Cycle Club's hill-climbing contest up Bathurst Street, where the rise is sixteen per cent. The difficulties of the course are greatly increased by numerous humps and ruts. Many of the competitors were unseated, and some of the machines failed altogether

Where the Shoe Pinches

The trade is not being crippled. Indeed, petrol prices have served a good turn by directing attention to improvements in carburation. At the same time, many motorists feel even a few shillings increase in running cost, particularly our motorist of moderate means who must own a cheap car or nothing, and who is largely a motorist because he can see a financial advantage in ownership of a car by comparison with train and cab cost. To-day he is in the majority, and his case must be heard sympathetically. He has a real complaint and a voice strong enough to impress his motoring organisation with the importance of bestirring itself to see what, if anything, can be done. There is, however, the larger matter—one of much greater national importance. The motor battleship

is on the stocks. The necessity for keeping even pace with the best any other nation can do forces us along this line of naval development. While we burn coal, supplies are safe. When we burn oil we are delivered bound to a foreign Combine—except we find a home-made substitute or control some source of supply.

Towards Solution

I am not disposed to labour that idea overmuch, but it has to be regarded as a likely contingency in considering this problem of fuel for internal combustion engines. We have a commission sitting upon the subject in evidence that its importance has not been entirely overlooked. So far as the land vehicle is concerned, we have this entirely healthy activity among motoring organisations and the trade. I do not think, however, that there is any hope of success along the line of petroleum or its derivatives. Diesel has indicated how, in his opinion, all the fuel necessary for the Diesel type of engine can be obtained from the coal-seams of this country, and the same national mineral resources may also provide all that is required for the purposes of the ordinary internal combustion engine. Improved methods of separation and distillation in combination, with further developments in carburation, may provide us with a way of escape. Therefore the prize of 2,000 guineas offered by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders for a home-produced fuel suited to present engines which would be marketable at a possible price is specially timely. The Trade Society never spent money better, although, for that matter, it has rarely spent money at all. Its present excellent offer is a welcome break-away from its policy of reserve-fund building, and may prove itself a very remunerative expenditure indeed, and one well made in the interests of the trade, if only because it relieved the private motorist from the pressure of the heel of a petrol Combine.

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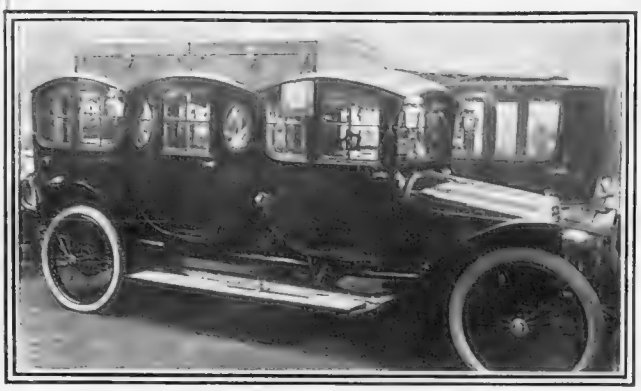

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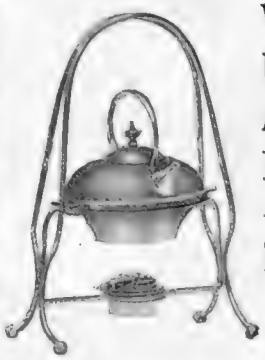

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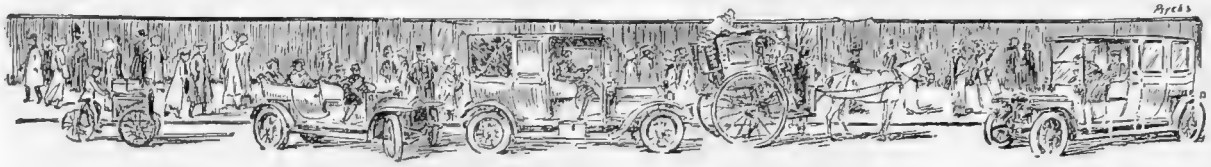

By MRS. JACK MAY.

CHRISTMAS presents are off at last. That is so far as my pages are concerned. But, I regret to say, dress can scarcely be described as on. With the sales looming large on the horizon—some of which I shall have the privilege of dealing with—the soft goods shops are at a standstill. And yet trade is booming. I wonder?

A shopping feature of the year, now rapidly approaching its demise, before which I do not think it possible to shut the eyes, is the important niche filled by the inexpensive ready-to-wear dresses. Establishments that have hitherto disdained to admit the presence of such wares in their exclusive *ateliers* have literally had their hands forced. And my prophesy for the coming year is that there will be discernible two distinct classes of dressers, those who have the wherewithal to go to the great *couturière* world, and others who, to use an old colloquialism, will buy off the peg. But the peg, I may tell you, is a very different one from that of yore, a vastly superior peg, one that will stand the closest supervision, and very uncomfortable comparison with the efforts of the small dressmaker and the aspiring home dressmaker.

Home-Made or Ready-Made?

I do not want to be in the least disparaging to the various excellent establishments which specialise in patterns, but I frankly confess that if I had, personally—which the heavens forbid—to choose between making my own clothes from the most excellent paper patterns and walking straight away into the marvellous ready-made clothes of to-day, I should every time choose the latter. Not only on the score of excellence, but on that of economy. Only this very last week, at a large establishment noted for value, there have been coats and skirts and dresses to be bought, irrespective of original cost of production, for 29*s.* 6*d.* And at another house of equal fame there have been the most charming evening frocks that could not possibly have been produced at home for the modest prices asked.

A Period Dress of 1796

This is a faithful copy of many of the wonderful creations designed for the Pantomime Ball, which has set us all agog for more such festivities. For the gown a yellow and black spot muslin is requisitioned, with *fichu* of white muslin and tippet and muff of beaver. A striking feature is the great cap of white muslin, tied about with black ribbons, and plumed with high yellow feathers. There are certain small details in this attire that recall the fashions of to-day, notably the open neck and the fur carried about the shoulders, and also the erect poise of the plumes.

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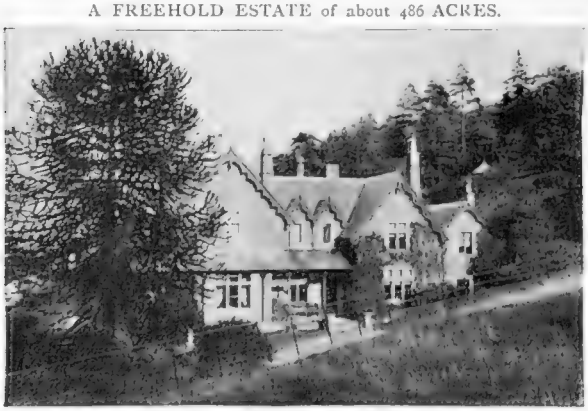

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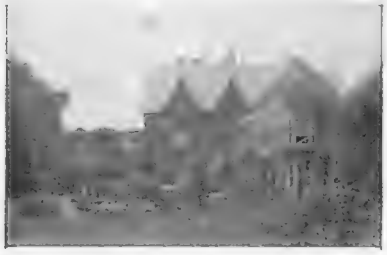

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The Menu: Preparations for Christmas

A Rich Plum Pudding

Mix with 4oz. of flour 1lb. of breadcrumbs, a teaspoonful of salt, and 1lb. of finely chopped beef suet; to this add 1lb. stoned raisins, ¾lb. currants, ½lb. finely sliced candied peel, 2oz. of moist sugar, and 2oz. chopped almonds. Mix thoroughly, and add ten beaten eggs and a wineglassful of brandy. Put the mixture into a pudding-basin (previously buttered), cover with a cloth, tie down, and boil for about five hours. When wanted, boil it again for two hours.

A Plainer Christmas Pudding

1lb. of currants, 1lb. of sultanas or stoned raisins, 1lb. of sugar, ¾lb. of beef suet chopped very fine, ½lb. of flour, ½lb. of breadcrumbs, 1lb. of raw carrot grated fine, 3oz. of candied peel chopped fine, one teaspoonful of salt, two eggs, one nutmeg grated, ginger and cinnamon to taste. Make the pudding two weeks before wanted, and steam it for six hours. Hang it up in the basin and cloth in which it was boiled until it is required; when boil it again for two hours. No milk or other moisture is required in mixing this pudding.

Mincemeat—No. 1

3lb. of raisins, 3lb. of currants, 3lb. of sugar, 3lb. of apples, 2½lb. chopped suet, 2oz. of citron, 2oz. of candied lemon-peel, 3oz. of sweet almonds chopped fine, the juice and rind of three lemons, also chopped fine, one nutmeg grated, half a pint each of brandy and port wine, and a teaspoonful of salt, all to be well mixed

Mincemeat—No. 2

Peel, core, and chop 3lb. of apples, clean 1½lb. currants, chop 1lb. stoned raisins, chop finely 1lb. beef suet, also ½lb. candied peel, and mix these ingredients with a gill of ale and the juice and grated rind of one lemon and one orange, also 1lb. of moist sugar and a teaspoonful of mixed spices. When thoroughly blended, put the mixture into jars and tie down tightly.

Christmas Cake

Cream 1lb. fresh butter with 8oz. castor sugar, sift 1½lb. flour, mix with a teaspoonful of salt and an ounce of allspice. Stir gradually ten eggs into the cream butter, adding the flour alternately with each egg. When all the flour and eggs are in, stir in 1lb. stoned and chopped raisins, 1lb. sliced mixed peel, 4oz. shredded almonds, ½lb. glacé cherries (cut in halves), and half-pint of milk. Put the mixture in a well-greased tin, and bake for about three hours in a moderate oven. EMILIA

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For the benefit of our lady readers, we have pleasure in giving below a recipe for an excellent Christmas Pudding and Cake, both of which have been frequently tried and found most successful.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Take ¾lb. of flour, 1oz. of Borwick's Baking Powder, 2oz. of breadcrumbs, 1½lb. of suet, 2lb. of raisins, 1lb. of currants, 1ooz. of sugar, 2oz. of almonds, 1lb. of mixed candied peel, salt and spice to taste. Mix the ingredients well together, and add six eggs, well beaten, and three-quarters of a pint of milk; divide in two, and boil eight hours.

RICH PLUM CAKE.

Take ½lb. of butter and ½lb. of white sifted sugar; beat these with the hand well together into a cream; add four eggs, one at a time, and well beat each one with the butter and sugar; lightly mix in 1lb. of flour, previously mixed with one large teaspoonful of Borwick's Baking Powder; then lightly mix with the whole ½lb. of sultanas; bake at once thoroughly in a quick oven.

Classic Humour

FOR centuries the unfortunate sausage has been the objective of the humorists' thrusts. Aristophanes, the Greek author, referred to the sausage-dealers of his day, so the joke is much older than most people think. The same classic writer, however, never ventured a syllable against the Grecian grape, the most delicious and most perfect of Nature's own products. We receive it in the form of Currants, which are Greek grapes sun-ripened and sun-dried. The Currant is the joy of Christmas, for upon its liberal use depends the success of seasonable festivities. Here are some new recipes for the use of the currant.

Currant Marmalade Pudding

4oz. breadcrumbs, 4oz. suet, 4oz. sugar, 4oz. marmalade, 4oz. currants, 2oz. flour, 2 eggs, ½ teacupful of milk.

METHOD.—Mix all the ingredients together, grease a pudding basin or mould with butter, and dust with sugar. Put in the mixture, cover with greased paper, and steam three hours.

Currant Lemon Pudding

3oz. suet, 3oz. breadcrumbs, 2oz. flour, 6oz. currants, 4oz. sugar, 1 egg, rind and juice of one lemon.

METHOD.—Mix all the ingredients together; put in a greased basin, and cover with greased paper; steam two hours

Currant Creams

½ pint cream, 2oz. sugar, ½oz. gelatine, 2oz. currants, 1oz. black currant jam, 1oz. lemon curd.

METHOD.—Whip the cream, add sugar and a few drops of maraschino and the melted gelatine, previously strained. Mix this with the currant purée, and fill eight to ten small dariole moulds with the prepared cream. When set, turn them out on a cold dish, and stew the currants in a little syrup, and pound with jam; pass through sieve, put a small quantity of the lemon curd on top of each cream, and serve.

Florador Pudding

¾ pint milk, 1oz. castor sugar, 1½oz. Florador, 1oz. currants, the yolks of 2 eggs.

METHOD.—Boil the milk in a stewpan, and sprinkle in the Florador; stir with a wooden spoon, and cook for five minutes. Separate the whites of eggs from the yolks, and whisk to a stiff froth. Add the sugar and yolks of eggs to the cooked Florador and the currants. Last of all add the whites of eggs. Butter a small piedish, pour in the mixture, and bake for about twenty minutes.

Currant Marzipan

White of an egg, 4oz. icing sugar, 3oz. ground almonds, almond flavouring, 2oz. currants, colouring.

METHOD.—Beat the white of egg a little, add sugar (sifted), almonds, essence, and currants. Make into a stiff dry paste, work in a little red or green colouring, roll out ½ inch thick, and cut into cubes.

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Christmas in Sunny Climes

WHO has not got his eye on the iron way at Christmas-time. And the railway companies, as ever, have risen valiantly to the occasion in catering for the needs of those bound for any part of the British Isles and the Continent? Many will doubtless take advantage of the holiday season to journey South or West and enjoy winter rest and recreation in sunnier climes. Bournemouth—the "City of Pines" by the Southern Sea, two hours only from London—is one of the premier homeland winter resorts. All the essentials to health and pleasure, including an abundance of sunshine and plenty of amusement, are here. An excellent service of restaurant-car trains runs from Waterloo. Breakfast-car express to Town on Mondays from Bournemouth at 7.25 a.m., due Waterloo 10.1, for week-end visitors. Certain express trains will be duplicated on the few days preceding the holiday. For the first time Christmas visitors to Normandy and Paris, *via* Southampton and Havre, will have the advantage of crossing the Channel by one of the new geared turbine steamers.

A Splendid Holiday Programme

I have just received a copy of a most attractive programme issued by the Great Central Railway Company. It is intended for those who are spending their Christmas in the Midlands, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, or North of England. On Tuesday, December 24, special expresses will leave Marylebone at suitable times for over 500 different stations. The tickets issued at extremely low fares will be available for return on the following Thursday, Saturday, or Tuesday, enabling those who may so desire to spend the special holiday period with their friends. Luncheon or restaurant cars will be attached to the principal trains, and the compartments represent the acme of comfort, being well-lighted and maintained at a genial temperature. Copies of this Christmas holiday programme can be obtained free at Marylebone Station, G.C.R. Town offices and agencies, or post free from Publicity Department, 216, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.

To the Continent

The tempting Christmas excursion fare offered by the South Eastern and Chatham Railway will prove irresistible to many who would take the opportunity at this season of the year of enjoying a little respite abroad. To some people a holiday is not a holiday unless it consists of an entire change not only of scene, but of food and language. The facilities nowadays for travelling to the Continent are such that it is easily possible for one to spend the shortest vacation away from the fog-bound shores of old England. Further to assist tourists the S.E. and C.R. are issuing cheap return tickets to the Riviera, embracing Nice and its environs, available on December 23, trains leaving Victoria (S.E. and C.R.) at 12.30 p.m. On December 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 cheap excursion tickets are being issued from London to Paris. Winter sports enthusiasts are well catered for again this year by a special day service to Switzerland, which leaves Charing Cross at 9 a.m. on December 20, 21, 23. In addition to their Continental service, this Company have made arrangements to run excursions to the popular South-East Coast resorts.

To the Near East

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To the Golden West

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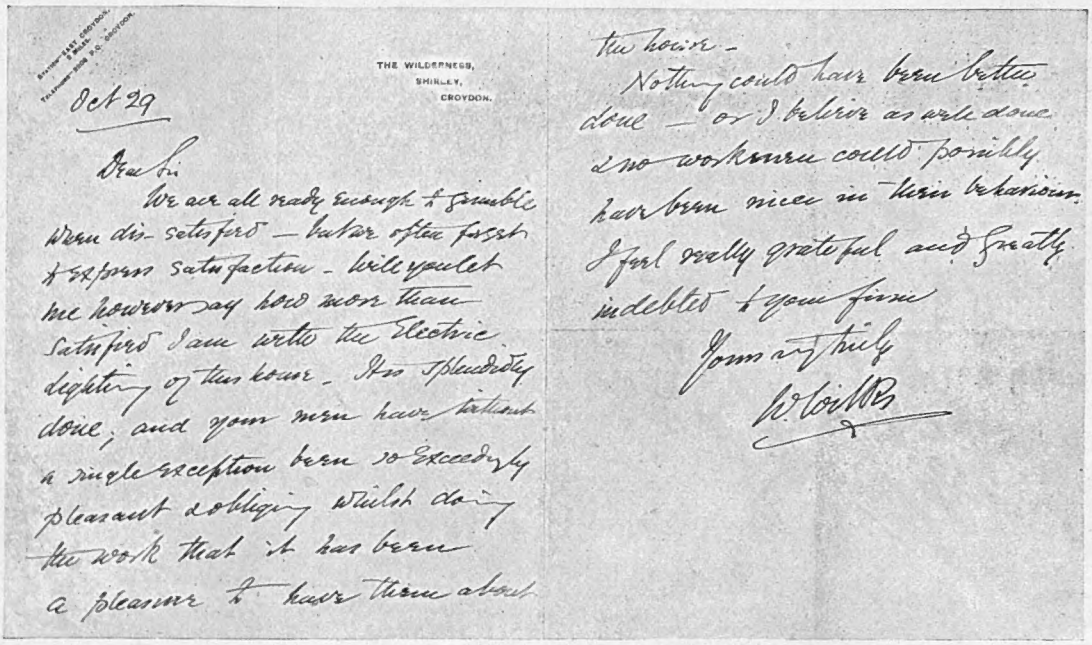
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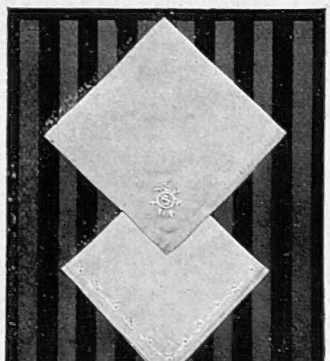

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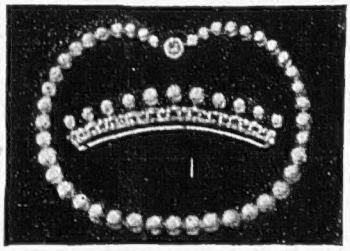

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